Gas death attacked

The execution in the San

Quentin jail gas chamber of the double murderer, Robert Alton Harris, has led to calls for legislation to substitute lethal injection

for cyanide gas as the California method of capi-

ial punishment. It has also

increased pressure for the

release of a count-ordered

videotape of the death and

to have death sentences

carried out in public view.

Harris's execution was

the first in California for a

quarter of a century and

appears to have opened the

way for the execution of

more than 300 other in-

mates on death row in the

Juages Juagea

A number of judges, in a

rare television programme

appearance, are putting a

contrite and concerned

message across to the pub-

lic. One says that the judi-

ciary would have to take a

"share of the responsi-

bility" for such injustices as

occurred in the case of the

Birmingham Six.. Page 16

Brothel bother

The Mother's Union and

the Bishop of Liverpool, the

Sheppard, were under at-

tack yesterday for the

union's decision to debate

prostitution and the possi-

bility of legalised brothels.

and the bishop's defence of

that decision Page 3

Raiders foiled

Raiders who tried to use a

forklift truck to steal from a

building society cash dis-penser were foiled by a lone

policeman in an area

patrol car. Police are now

investigating the possibility

that the thieves may have

been responsible for other

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"hole-in-the-wall"

Player fined

Mark Ramprakash has

been fined and severely

reprimanded by Middlesex

after an outburst during a

match at Fenner's. He has

admitted bringing the

making abusive remarks to

the Cambridge University off spinner, Marcus

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Business urged

to lead Britain

towards recovery

By Anatole Kaletsky and Ross Tieman

ness community to "show

what enterprise can really

achieve" now that the Conser-

vatives have won the election.

"If we continue to think and

talk in terms of when the

ceed only in prolonging it," it

says. Business leaders should "talk exclusively in terms of

the recovery and act accord-

One of the letter's signato-

ries, Sir Eric Parker, the chief

executive of Trafalgar House,

the construction and ship-

ping conglomerate, ques-

tioned further about the

recovery prospects, said that a

cut in interest rates was neces-

sary. "Sterling has firmed against the German mark

and a half per cent cut in

interest rates would be a tre-

Sir Allen Sheppard said

that a recovery was now a

matter of psychology. But he

added that a reluctance to

borrow was restraining con-

mendously positive signal."

A GROUP of leading in- the election campaign urging

dustrialists has called on that "the spirit of enterprise the business community should not be stifled". To-to trigger an economic reday's letter exhorts the busi-

covery by restoring confi-

dence among consumers,

investors and managers.

Their positive view appears to be supported by an author-

pectations published today by

the British Chambers of

Commerce (BCC). The survey

suggests that, after six consec-

utive quarters of economic

contraction, the longest reces-sion in postwar history was

very nearly over", even be-

fore the surge in business optimism which followed the

election result.
The 41 industrialists say in

letter published in today's

Times that by "acting with

coldness and determination"

the business community

fulfilling prophecy.
The group, led by Sir Allen
Sheppard. chairman of

Grand Metropolitan, the in-

ternational brewing, hotel

The Times at the beginning of

could make recovery a self-

Bosnia battles

BY ANNE MCELVOY IN BELGRADE

An attempt to forge a ceasebeyond Belgrade.

Heavy artillery fire began at dawn with Muslim forces attacking the Serb-held sub-urb of Ilidza in the west of the capital. The Ilam deadline for laying down arms called for by both Serb and Muslim leaders came and went, followed by more intense bouts of fire. Fighting ended 10 hours later, allowing United Nations lorries to evacuate about 60 elderly patients from a hospital that had been in the thick of the battles.

Witnesses said the fighting appeared to have been started by Muslims, emboldened by

SCOTLAND Yard yesterday

made public the leaked mem-

erations last autumn.

tial nor classified. The

document covered one area of

intelligence and not the full

picture. Much had happened

in recent months to make the

Some officers said that the

question was not what was

leaked to the Irish Times in

Dublin but who leaked it and

why. As the Yard launched a

low-key investigation into the

leak under a detective inspec-

tor, senior officers speculated

privately that it might have been the work of MIS trying

to embarrass the police. The

security service is campaign-

analysis of terrorism intelli-

gence and is being resisted by the Yard's Special Branch.

The memorandum in-

cludes an admission from

William Taylor, assistant

commissioner in charge of

the branch and all specialist CID work, that the police had

little intelligence on IRA in-

cendiary attacks in Blackpool

and Manchester last Decem-

ber. Mr Taylor is leading the Yard's battle for Special

Branch to keep control of the

intelligence role. A Home Of-

fice report on the change

went to the Cabinet office two

weeks ago and is awaiting a

decision by the prime minister and the home secretary.

The allegations that MI5

leaked the minutes were de-

rided in security circles last

night. It was pointed out that

a leak aimed at undermining

the credibility of the police

would have been counter-pro-

comments out of date.

their success in holding off a Serb advance on the centre on Tuesday. Shells exploded throughout the city centre and fighting was reported on the outskirts of the city and at the airport. Ambulances were unable to venture out to rescue the wounded.

The city is partitioned by barricades Muslim forces are struggling to retain control of Old Sarajevo, their traditional stronghold. Serb fighters were reported to have occupied a geriatric hospital several hundred yards from Mushim predictions. lim positions and sniper fire rang out throughout the day.

The Sarajevo headquarters of the UN peace mission to neighbouring Croatia was surrounded by marksmen and the hotel housing EC monitors was hit by a harrage of mortar fire. A British television cameraman working for Visnews was hit in the arm in crossfire and had to be airlifted to hospital in Belgrade. A Canadian journalist Continued on page 16. col ?

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Tweety Pie. tha cartoon canary, has survived predators such as Sylvester, the cat, for the past fifty years

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MODERN MANDARIN



Hugh Trevor-Roper's latest volume of essays is saluted by Antonia Fraser

threaten talks

AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

GUNS continued to pound Sarajevo for a second day yesterday, with no respite in Bosnia-Herzegovina's most bitter fighting so far.

fire failed on the day before Lord Carrington, head of the European Community peace mission and Joao de Deus Pinheiro, the Portuguese foreign minister who holds the presidency, were due to arrive to lead negotiations between the warring parties. They are now unlikely to get

Yard puts IRA memo on show

orandum which contained confidential details of the Many die mainland operation against the IRA. The move was an attempt to defuse criticism about security and debunk claims that the document in-

can city of Guadalaiara ves

other smaller explosions. The Mexican Red Cross said that hospitals were filled and that the army had taken charge of the situation. Near-ly 100 injured were taken to local hospitals and many more were expected, a Centro Medio Occidente hospital spokesman said.

was escaping from drains.

By STEWART TENDLER AND MICHAEL EVANS ductive. If M15 had used "dirty tricks" to seize control of counter-terrorism from Special Branch, the security service chief's case for a greater share of responsibility for tackling the IRA would have

Although M15 wants to ex-

cluded top-security material.

The 12-page memoranpand its counter-terrorism operations, under Stella dum, which contains three Rimington the director-genparagraphs on terrorism, in-cludes an admission by a senior officer that police had eral, there is no wish to undermine the work of other agencies. Since taking over at little intelligence on IRA op-MI5 in February. Mrs Rimington has examined Last night the leak was acknowledged by senior offihow best to use the resources under her control. But the cers to be embarrassing but groundwork for switching re they emphasised that the consources from cold war activitents were neither confidenties to countering terrorism

been damaged

Walker and Sir Antony Duff. The document could have been leaked by some one who came in contact with it in Yard offices or at offices out-

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had already been laid by her ssors. Sir Patrick Life & Times, page 5

Big guns back Smith

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Smith has secured the backing of three-quarters of the shadow cabinet in his campaign to be the next Labour leader. The shadow chancellor's camp yesterday issued the names of 14 of the 18 elected members of the shadow cabinet who have declared their support for Mr Smith in his battle with Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary, and Ken Livingstone,

of the far left. The move came as Ann Clwyd, one of the five deputy leadership candidates, said that unions which did not

Bernard Levin, page 12

not vote in the elections. It was "frightening and insult-ing" that some unions had rate of contraction in output has slowed for the fourth consecutive quarter.

Meanwhile Margaret Beckett, another candidate for the deputy post, said it would be foothardy for the leadership contest to focus on the issue of whether the party's tax policy cost it the gen-eral election. Mrs Beckett said: "It is truch too early to

vice sector has halted its decline and that exporters were enjoying growth. The manufacturing sector remains in recession but the

decided how they would vote before a single member had been consulted.

judge where we went wrong."



in Mexico gas blast

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF.

AT least 16 people were killed and dozens more injured when a series of explosions system in the western Mexiterday, local government and Red Cross officials said.

ported to have devastated a densely populated area of Guadalajara, toppling doz-ens of houses and burying cars and buses in rubble. Authorities feared dozens more may have died as the rubble was being searched.

There was a leak of in-flammable gases which spread through the sewer sys-tem of the city," Agustin Rios of the Guadalajara Red Cross said. "There are anywhere from 200 to 300 people being treated, some of them for serious injuries from the collapse of their homes and explosions in the streets."

A local government official said that dozens of people had been killed in the blast, but Señor Rios said the exact figure of dead was still being calculated. "Some buildings have been compeletely flat-tened, as if there had been an earthquake," Señor Rios added. The first explosion left a four-yard-wide hole in the ground, and was followed by

The government news agency Notimex said local residents had been complaining since Tuesday that gas

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through the whole Business Section of The Times, when really your Secretary should be scrutinising it for the articles that you need to

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quarter but suggests that it will be slow and hesitant,

partly because of the high

8,810 firms, the survey shows

that if order expectations,

normally a reliable indicator, are fulfilled, growth will re-

sume by the end of June. Miles Middleton, president of the BCC, said that the

soundings were taken after the Budget but before the

election, when many busi-

nesses feared a hung Parlia-

Mr Middleton said that the

BCC had provided an early

warning when the slowdown

began during 1990. Now its survey showed that "we are

very nearly out of recession".

held every quarter, is the big-gest into business confidence in Britain, covering service businesses such as shops, res-

taurants and banking, which

account for three quarters of output, as well as manufac-

turing. It found that the ser-

The BCC also questioned

company directors about

their order intake. After tot-

ting up their replies, the sur-vey found that "a return to

growing sales deliveries in both manufacturing and ser-

vices is expected in the second

quarter". The optimistic

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The BCC survey, which is

Based on responses from

The BCC survey confirms

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE Prince of Wales yesterday issued a direct call for population growth to have a central place on the agenda of the "Earth Summit" in Rio de Janiero in June. Without naming them directly, he criticised nations, led by the Vatican. that have blocked attempts to have population treated as a separate issue at the conference, where some 150 world lead-

ers aim to map out a strategy to cope with global environmental problems.

He made clear his sympathy with Third World countries, where most population growth will occur, insisting that it could not be tackled without tackling poverty, but insisted: "I don't, in all logic, see how any society can hope to

improve its lot when population growth regularly exceeds economic growth." By choosing to address head-on such a sensitive issue, the prince sought to give new impetus to the summit, which is in danger of becoming bogged down in a dispute between the industrialised world and developing countries over who should pay for environmental im-provements in the way nations manage

He made his remarks at a special meeting in London of the Brundtland Commission, the group of politicians named after the Norwegian prime minister whose report on the state of the global environment five years ago led to the Rio summit being called.

"We live in dangerous times," the prince said. After sketching out other environmental threats, he robustly confronted the absence of population as a distinct issue for the Rio conference. We will not slow the birth rate until we address poverty, and we will not protect the environment until we address the issues of population growth and poverty in the same breath," he said. "I do wish

that these simple and incontestable truths could find greater prominence on the Rio agenda. Sadly, it seems that certain delegations are determined to prevent discussion of population growth. In so doing, of course, they deny everyone else the opportunity for con-structed ediscussion of policies which would address the environment, poverty and population growth together, rather than in isolation."

The British government, among others, has sought to have the summit agenda section headed "poverty" re-named "poverty and population", but this has been fiercely resisted by a group of nations, led on religious grounds by the Vatican. Others in the blocking group include the Philippines and a number of Latin American countries.

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RUC is strongest thread in web spun to destroy the IRA

AFTER more than 20 years combatting the IRA, the Royal Ulster Constabulary is the linchpin of the sprawling empire of counter-terrorist organisations and units deployed by Britain in Northern Ireland, mainland Britain and Europe. The RUCs special branch detachment is said to be the largest single unit of its kind in the United Kingdom. Not even Scotland Yard's special

Counter-terrorist experts acknowledge that the battle to beat an IRA force of 300 hard-line activists is at its keenest within the republican heartlands of Northern Ireland and among sym-

branch unit, with its wide

responsibilities, can match

the 500 officers available to

pathisers south of the border, watched by the Garda Siochana, the RUC's counterparts in the republic. "The kingpins are the RUC and the Garda," said one senior Yard officer yesterday. "They are close to the IRA and they know them."

As police reassert their presence on Ulster's streets, the RUC special branch is assisted by army intelligence officers, MI6, and MI5. which has teams of officers in the province attached to the Northern Ireland Office, the RUC and the army.

Theoretically, and most of the time in practice, each organisation works within certain boundaries, with coordinating groups ensuring close liasion. Anti-terrorist operations are organised by

Not even Scotland Yard can match the RUC's special branch detachment, write Richard Ford and Stewart Tendler

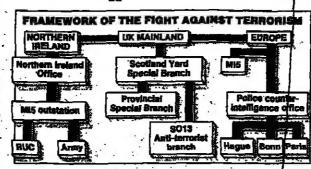
the RUC through tasking coordination groups but can draw on the support of the Other agencies

A senior M15 officer, attached to the Northern Ireland office at Stormont, is director and coordinator of intelligence, but does not have an operational role. He is a member of the province's the secretary of state, chief constable of the RUC, and the province's senior army officer oversee the overall security strategy. Any unresolved disputes between the army and the RUC are dealt

committee does not deal with operational matters. MI5 is also responsible for countering the IRA in Europe including the Irish republic, and is assisted by MI6.

Although there are difficulties penetrating republican areas, Ulster, with a population of 1.5 million, remains a small village with traditional family structures. By frequent patrolling of strongly republican areas, the army and RUC can note the absences, friendships, and habits of suspects. They carry out long-term

undercover surveillance and have used front companies as



surveillance, including the use of tracking devices attached to cars of suspects, have also been a feature of security force and intelligence operations. The IRA, however, has been able to counter such measures by using personal couriers.

Recruiting informers re-

ing the organisations. One of the reasons given for the recent successes of the IRA in mainland Britain is that the informer system has been reduced by ever tighter IRA security and the growing use by the IRA of "lily whites". activists with little of no known history of violence

also succeeded because no intelligence agency spotted the IRA's renewed links with Libya in the mid-Eighties and the smuggling of four boat-loads of guns, ammuni-tion and explosives into the

In mainland Britain the 100-strong Irish desk at Scotland Yard's special branch is responsible for athering and collating intelligence. An RUC officer is based with the unit, which also works with the Garda. Another 2,000 Special Branch officers round the country work with the Yard, whose anti-terrorist branch, another 100 officers, carries out investigations into

The mainland police effort

committee of the Association of Chief Police Officers. The Yard acts for other forces within Whitehall, where police sit on a number of committees attached to the joint intelligence committee. which draws up long term strategies and policy for the country. The JIC includes MI5, but not police.

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After fining the accused.

George Morgan-Harris, chairman of the bench,

awarded compensation al-

though he was told that no

After the hearing, McIn-

lyre said he did not regret the

incident and rejected the idea

that it had increased Mr

Brothel

THE Bishop of Liverpool the Right Rev David Sheppard, came under article vesterday for defending the decision of the Mothers Union to debate prostitution. The union and the bishop were criticised by the anti-pornography campaigner Mary Whitehouse.

Staff at the Mothers Staff at the Mothers with the specially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves family life, were taked in a countries vesterday after the cial concern committee to debate the legalisation of the union's periodical to the union's pe

y in the union's personnel.

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Susan Curtis-Bennett. I staff member. Said: "It is amazing. We only have shines here. Who would think an innocent little paragraph."

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As the IRA has moved into Europe the security service and police have followed. Counter-terrorist detectives from Britain now work in Holland. Germany and the Hague. Bonn and France.They work in the Trevi organisation, which links EC countries.

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Hopes rise

Smith wins backing of all but four in shadow cabinet

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Smith has won overwhelming backing from the shadow cabinet for his atterapt to become leader of the Labour party.

His campaign managers announced yesterday that 14 of the 18 elected members had given Mr Smith their vote of confidence. Only Bryan Gould, who is standing against the shadow chancellor, John Prescott, who is contesting the deputy leader-ship, Michael Meacher, the shadow social security secretary, and Jo Richardson, the spokesman on women's rights, have not declared their support for Mr Smith, who is the hot favourite to win the election on July 18.

The latest demonstration of Mr Smith's solid backing within the Labour parliamen-

Lang sets

sights on

single-tier

Scotland

THE Conservatives yesterday launched their campaign for

what could be the last district

elections to take place in Scot-

land in their present form as

it emerged that a new single

tier of local authorities could

be in place within four years.

opt for that tier being made up of councils based largely

on the existing districts, al-

though some regional councils may be retained if they

are thought more appropri-

ate, according to Allan Stew-

art, Scottish minister for local

government. He said that the

consultation exercise would be as broadly based as

lan Lang, the Scottish sec-retary, said only that he ex-

pected local government to be

rather different" in four or

five years time, but that he sought a wide measure of

agreement. The aim was to

make it more local, account-

able and effective.
On Tuesday, Charles Gray, leader of Strathclyde region, Britain's biggest council, gave a warning of civil disobe-

dience, marches, demonstra-

tions and even strikes if the government attempted in-

creased interference, particu-

larly if more competitive

tendering led to loss of jobs.

Mr Lang dismissed the com-ments as "post-election

rhetoric". He said that next month's elections would be fought on

the Tories vision for local

government, emphasising value for money for local tax-

payers, improvements in

standards and making councils genuinely local and ac-

countable. Council services

would be measured against

performance standards drawn up by the councils' accounts commission and the

citizen's charter would play a

The Tories are assured of

controlling at least one coun-

cil, Berwickshire, through

lack of opposition candidates.

Lord Sanderson, the Scottish

party chairman, said they

hoped to improve their num-

ber of councillors dramatical-

bigger role.

The government is likely to

tary party came as Ann Clwyd, one of the five candidates for the deputy leadership, made an outspoken appeal for the end of the trade union block vote and called on union leaders who were not balloting their members to stay out of the battle.

She said at Westminster that trade union leaders like Bill Jordan, of the engineers. should "sit on their hands" in the absence of a ballot. It was "frightening and insulting" that some unions had decided how they would vote before a single member had been

Ms Clwyd's views on the block vote are widely shared among Labour MPs and there is a growing expectation that the election defeat will be used as a springboard for a

campaign to try to dismantle it altogether, and certainly to remove the union influence from the election of Labour leaders. She also had some sharp words on the election campaign and claimed that the so called "spin doctors" had taken excessive control of the campaign at the expense

Labour's overseas development spokesman said that her area of responsibility had been underplayed during the campaign. She said that two because the campaign chiefs had decided they were too hard-hitting, following in the wake of the emotive "Jennifer's Ear" bealth broadcast.

strong images, including one of a child drinking out of a

poverty.

Ms Clwyd said that people their members is open to abuse. Unless the unions gen-uinely reflect the views of their

mons, it emerged yesterday.
With the House due to

Labour expects Tories to try agree one name to put up if thought to have a chance of beating Miss Boothroyd. Some Tories back her. The Tory contenders are Terence Higgins. Sir Giles Shaw,

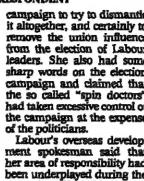
Tories to decide late on fight for Speaker

By OUR CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR Conservative backbenchers may canvass all weekend and up to lunchtime on Monday before deciding whether to challenge the Labour MP Betty Boothroyd for the Speakership of the Com-

meet on Monday afternoon to choose a successor to Bernard Weatherill, it was clear that all five Tory candidates see themselves as still in the race, and are not yet prepared to give way to have an agreed Tory candidate. The prospect of Monday's sitting running into hours, or even days, as contenders' merits are debated was being floated.

Peter Brooke, Dame Janet Fookes and Paul Channon.



films had been "pulled" She said the films had

lavatory pan. Party sources agreed last night that the films had been considered unsuitable because they would have been portrayed as Labour blaming the Conser-vatives for Third World

generally recognised a "rigged result" when they saw one, and there was growing belief that the block vote was just that."Even the idea of trade union leaders taking soundings without balloting members of the leadership and that means a ballot then they should not vote in this election."

Mr Smith's shadow cabinet backers, apart from him-self and Robin Cook, his campaign manager, are Margaret Beckett, Tony Blair, Gordon Brown, David Clark, Ms Clywd, Jack Cun-ningham, Donald Dewar, Frank Dobson, Barry Jones, Gerald Kaufman, Jack Straw and Ann Taylor. Mr Cook said last night:

"John Smith has won the endorsement of three-quarters of the shadow cabinet. The people who have worked closely with him in the shadow cabinet in the past parliament have given him their vote of confidence. They



opt-out warning

By MATTHEW D'ANCONA, EDUCATION REPORTER

THE leader of the moderate National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers gave a warning yesterday that teachers might take industrial action if governors of opted-out schools refused to recognise the union officially.

The union is due to meet the governors of Wilson's grant-maintained school at Wallington, southwest London where 20 NAS/UWT members fear they will be denied full negotiating rights.

Nigel de Gruchy, the union's national general secretary, said he saw the school as a test case. "We are not going to allow teachers' unions to be derecognised through the back door of grant-maintained schools."
Opting out was part of the government's "hidden agenda" to break the unions and authority control dominated the third day of the union's annual conference at Scar-borough. Delegates called for a national staffing policy to stave off the inequality of educational provision they fear may emerge as more schools become grant maintained.

The conference approved plans for a staffing model that would fund teachers according to actual costs and the curriculum needs of each school and take account of local social and economic factors. Under the scheme teachers' salaries would be a direct charge on central government with governors of optedout schools and local authorities playing a merely

supervisory role.

Mr de Gruchy said that the proposals reflected the logic and demands of the national curriculum. "It is a challenge to the government to take its the national curriculum and

Teachers issue | Modern lessons in English defended

By CRAIG SETON

THE National Association for the Teaching of English began its annual conference at Birmingham University yesterday with members fearing that the national curriculum for English is to be rewritten to introduce more traditional and, they believe, less effective ways of teaching the subject in schools.

Some leading members believe that the Conservative think tank, the Centre for Policy Studies, may play an influential role in any plans to redraw the national curriculum to bring back teaching methods that they claim have failed. The association, representing more than 5,000 English teachers, mainly in state primary and secondary schools and sixth-form colleges, has been sumg by claims that progressive teach-ing methods have led to low standards of reading and

a former chairman of the association, said: "It cannot be said that trendy approaches to the teaching of English are to do with lower attainment among seven-year-olds. The evidence cannot support the view that the teaching of English is going to the dogs."

Other factors were at work. not least an increasing division between rich and poor and declining social condi-tions, to explain why stan-dards had fallen in some areas, particularly the innercity, she said. Parents could not be expected to help a child's reading if their house was about to be repossessed or there was no prospect of

The association is concerned about the consequences that it expects from reducing course work in the GCSE. Terry Furlong, association chairman and an English inspector in Brent, said that course work had been a

is unlikely that naval experts

believe the pilot could have been at fault.

The small bomb, filled

with enough explosive to give off a bright flash, a bang

and a spurt of water so that observers could judge the pi-lor's accuracy, ploughed in-stead straight through the

Ark Royal's flight deck and

into the mess room below,

where sailors were relaxing

between their duties on

One of the six injured sail-ors, all male ratings, had a

serious hand injury. Five

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for Freddie the dolphin Conservationists are on the lookout for Freddie the dol-

phin after reports that he had been seen cast doubts on rumours he had died.

Newspapers had reported overheard radio conversation between two fishing boats that Freddie drowned after becoming entangled in a net three weeks ago. But Andy Bone, a Newcastle-upon-Tyne diver who has often swum with the 12ft bottlenose dolphin, said yes-terday he was "99.9 per cent certain" he saw Freddie off Tynemouth on Monday. He said that no fishing boats were out on the day of the reported netting because of a

Horace Dobbs, director of International Dolphin Watch, said that he received a report of Freddle being clearly identified off Tynemouth on Friday. "I am being more positive than negative." he said.

Taxi crime

A police dampdown on private taxi firms in Northum-bria uncovered 1,110 crimi-nal traffic offences including the full-time use of five stolen cars as illegally operated hire cars. Almost 2,000 vehicles were inspected and 71 were ordered off the road immedlately. One firm was carrying passengers, including school-children, while uninsured.

Rabies warning

The rabies-free status Britain has enjoyed for most of this century would be at risk if vaccination became the standard protection against the disease-throughout the European Community, George Gunn, chairman of the National Office of Animal Health, said yesterday. Animal medicine manufacturers also urged the government to maintain

Final decision

The future of the Roundhouse in north London, derelica since 1982, is to be resolved next Thursday. Camden council will decide on the winning proposal from seven bids to use the former engine shed, which in the Sixties and Seventies served as theatre and concert hall. Proposals include an exhibition of the global environment, arts centre, disco, cinema complex or re-use as a theatre.

Divine help

The Isles of Scilly have employed a water diviner after suffering their worst drought.

Briton shot

A Briton living in Italy has been shot dead during an argument on his 26th birthfore moving to Italy.

Steaming back

Irish Rail started training steam engine drivers yesterday for the first time in 33 years. The drivers will be hired out for "steam train specials" run mainly by the Railway Preservation Society of Ireland. The eight trainees will replace drivers who are retiring. It will take them a year to qualify on an engine

get, or the pilot made a mis-take in following the computer's instructions. As he was back on duty last night and further practice attacks were banned, it

Using a hazel twig, Don Wilkins, from Chacewater, Cornwall, pinpointed two water sources in 100ft deep rock to supply the 70 people on the island of Bryher. The islands' council is also installing a desalination plant for the main island of St Mary's to produce 50,000 gallons of water a day.

day. Timothy James, a handyman, was shot in the chest in the courtyard of a house at Perugia, near Florence. Examining magistrates are interviewing a 45-yearold friend of Mr James from the Midlands. Mr James, from Cardiff, had worked in Coventry as a bricklayer be-

supplied by the society.

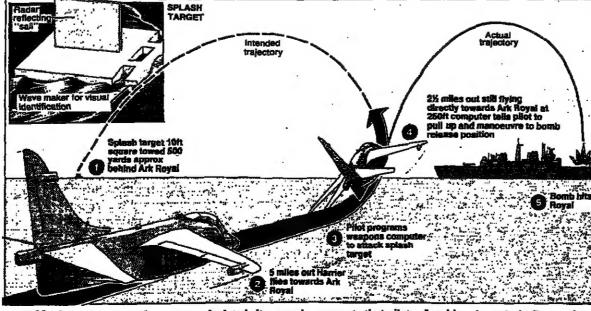
know that John is the leader stifle the voice of the educawith whom they can all work tion lobby, he said. own policy seriously and take writing. The prospect of a post-elec-tion rush to opt out of local in this parliament to win vic-tory for Labour." Yesterday, Henrietta Domtesting seriously." bey, of Brighton Polytechnic, Target attacks banned after Ark Royal bombing

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

THE Royal Navy has sus-pended all practice attacks on targets towed by ships after a Sea Harrier flown by an RAF flight lieutenant ac-cidentally bombed the air-craft carrier Ark Royal. A formal enquiry into the accident, which injured six sailors when the 28th bomb exploded in the mess deck, has been launched by the defence ministry. Practice bombing attacks

are routine for the pilots of the six Harriers on Ark Royal. On Monday, an RAF officer on secondment to the Royal Navy was flying one of four Sea Harriers, which had gathered over the eastern Atlantic for an attack on a target towed by Ark Royal in a military training area off western Scotland

ly. The Tories at present The target, towed more control Eastwood, Bearsden than 500 yards behind the and Milngavie, and Berwickship, was a three square yard shire, and have targeted Edwooden rectangle to which inburgh, Stirling, Perth and had been fitted a large white Kinross. and councils in radar reflective sail, a spe-cial "wave maker" at its bow creating easily identified northeast Scotland. Mr Stewart said high-spending Labour councils could fall to the bow waves. During the oper-ation, the Harrier dropped Tories, for example,



to 250ft above the sea and made its attacking run at a right angle to Ark Royal, its navigation radar locked onto the aircraft carrier's

Five miles from the carrier, the pilot programmed his Blue Vixen weapon aiming computer onto the splash target. In seconds, the computer calculated its speed and course and through a series of flashing messages told the pilot to pull up and twist the aircraft in a precise manoeuvre which should have lobbed the bomb upwards in a gently curving trajectory to within feet of the target.

Blue Vixen is so fast and

accurate that pilots often hit the target itself. In peacetime operations the computer is programmed to switch off and lock the bomb into its mountings if the attack has not been launched in the approved manner, which is with the aircraft flying directly at the ship.

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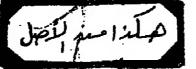
This time something went

is, technically, no chance of the bomb hitting the ship, and it has never happened in thousands of practice bomb-

wrong. Either the Harrier did not lock onto the ship, the weapons radar did not course of the "splash" tar- attacks by its Harriers.

airlifted to Eastleigh airport, Hampshire, from where they were transferred to naval Haslar hospital at Gosport. A sixth man, suffering from shock, remained on the Ark Royal All those taken to hos-

pital were said to be The Ark Royal is continthe weapons radar did not using with routine exercise, properly assess the true but without "splash" target



Man gets nine years for hiring killer to 'terminate' wife

BY NICHOLAS WATT

AN UNEMPLOYED businessman who hired a contract killer to murder his wife of 28 years so that he could collect £560,000 in insurance money was jailed for nine

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Malcolm Stanfield, 52, of Horley, Surrey, was so confident that his plan would succeed that he played a round of golf at the time he thought his wife was being knocked down by a lorry. But the "killer". known as George, was a po-liceman who had been alened after Stanfield discussed

the plan with friends. Andrew Baillie, for the prosecution, said that Stanfield told "George": "I want a complete termination job, I don't want a hospital job. I want it

McIntyre: was hustled

Man who

threw egg

at Major

fined £100

By LIN JENKINS

A MAN who hit John Major

with an egg during the elec-tion campaign was fined

£100 and ordered to pay £10 towards the prime minister's

dry cleaning bill.
John Bruce McIntyre, 25, a

politics student at Ports-

mouth Polytechnic, admitted

using threatening or abusive

behaviour towards Mr Major

Mike Carreras, for the de-

fence, told magistrates at

Eastleigh, Hampshire, that

McIntyre, a Labour party ac-

tivist, "saw John Major run-

ning a soap box campaign and felt that the type of cam-paign invited the sort of dem-

onstrutions of opinion that

led to the throwing of the

egg". The instant the egg was

thrown. McIntyre was grabbed by police and hus-

tled away. Richard Willcox, for the

prosecution, said the egg hit the right side of Mr Major's face, causing a small cut to

his cheek, during a visit to the

Marks & Spencer and Sainsbury superstore at Hedge End near Southampton. Mc-

Intyre had told police he did it

because I'm opposed to the

Mr Carreras said the inci-

dent was: "Not likely to be-

come a regular occurrence -

at least not for another five

years ... The opportunity

was there at the time and it

After fining the accused.

George Morgan-Harris.

was taken.

three days before polling.

completely zappo — the sooner the better." The court was told that the idea was put to Stanfield by a third party, but that the man who was to have organised

the killing tipped off the police. "George" then secretly taped a number of meetings with Stanfield in which he mapped out detailed plans for the hit and run murder. Stanfield showed "George" photographs of his wife and arranged for him to meet her.

They agreed a fee of £30,000. Lorraine Stanfield, 48, was not told by police of the plot. The "killer" was supposed to run her down in a deserted road when she agreed to pick up her husband from a public house near their home. She

Minister

orders

checks for

bee virus

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

AGRICULTURE

A RANDOM check of apiarles throughout southern Brit-ain was ordered by the

government yesterday amid

growing fears that a parasitic

disease of honey bees may be

The mite, Varroa

acobsoni, which sucks the

blood of larvae and adult

bees, has long been estab-

lished in most parts of the

world, but Britain was

thought until recently to be

David Curry, the junior ag-riculture minister, said the

parasite had been detected in

Devon, earlier this month.

William Collins, who keeps

bees at Daventry, Northamp-tonshire, said: "If the parasite

is widespread here, many bee-

keepers may not be willing to

undertake regular treatment

of hives and may give up

beekeeping. Fewer bees

would be serious for crops

two or three years.

4 apiaries - 38 of them in

free of the pest.

parked her car nearby and walked along the narrow road with no footpath. Instead of running her over, "George" skirted by her. Showing the judge pictures of the scepe, Mr Baillie said: "You can see it would be the easiest thing in the world for a lorry to knock her down with She waited for her husband

at the pub but was met by police. Stanfield was arrested after his round of golf and admitted his plot when his wife confronted him at a police station. She begged him to tell her it was not true but he said: "I could see a light at the end of the tunnel with my problem. It was the only way I could clear my

She was devastated and is now seeking a divorce. Mr Baillie told the court: "Until that day she thought the mar-

riage was entirely happy."
Stanfield, who admitted soliciting the murder of his wife last October, was told by Judge Lowry, QC, at the Cen-tral Criminal Court: "For this dreadful crime a severe sentence is necessary." The court was told that Stanfield would have collected £560,000 from three insurance policies and after paying off debts would have been left with £250,000.

Stanfield had been a successful director at a large garage and lived in a £300,000 detached house with his wife and their three grown child-ren. But, said Michael Hub-bard, QC, for the defence, Stanfield had been made redundant by the garage and two property plans had failed. He lost more than £110,000

and he was also being sued for £127,000 by a builder. Mr Hubbard said: "It's the old, old story. A burden of debt which drives a man to do something utterly unthink-able in terms of his character and personality and lifestyle."

Devon, four in Somerset and two in Surrey - since the first Stanfield underwent a cosighting at Cockington, south lostomy operation in 1988, Mr Hubbard said. "The ef-The parasite has long co-habited with the Asian honey fect of that on anyone is bound to be dramatic and traumatic. He convalesced bee (Apis cerana) without causing harm, but the Eurobut no sooner had he recovpean bee (Apis mellifera) is ered his health and got to much more vulnerable. grips with this permanent Where the infestation is way of life he was made

redundant. Mr Hubbard said that Stanfield still loved his wife but medical reports showed he could switch himself off emotionally and act mechani-"Why a man of 52 would put out a contract on his wife merely for the proceeds of an insurance policy is beyond explanation. It is his cry today that he still loves his



Kathy, after going missing for more than a day. Police had used tracker

Kathy, after going missing for more than a day. Police had used tracker dogs and helicopters in their search happy to have her back." Her husso long. He thanked everyone in-

Policeman foils hole-in-wall raid

By PETER VICTOR

A LONE policeman in an area patrol car foiled the latest attempt at what have become known as hole-in-thewall raids when he prevented a gang from stealing an Ab-bey National cash dispenser with a forklift truck. Police are now investigating the possibility that the thieves may be responsible for other cash dispenser raids involving a total of about £2 million in cash, lost machines, and damage to

buildings.
PC Stephen Woodroff, 33,
from Hertfordshire, spotted the thieves as they tried to rip the dispenser — thought to have held about £60,000 from the glass frontage of an Abbey National branch in Romford, east London, at 4.15am yesterday. He caught one man after radioing for help, abandoning his car and giving chase on foot.

Two other members of the gang were held nearby by officers who responded to the call for assistance. The arrests sparked a series of raids on addresses in the south London area and some

Raiders using a JCB digger smashed through the glass front of the Abbey National Chief Supt Basil Racey of Romford police said he feared more copycat raids following branch in Gillingham, Kent,

the recent spate. "It's a new sort of crime. These machines do carry considerable mountings. amounts of cash so they will be vunerable and they will be targets," he said. He praised PC Woodroff's initiative and courage in dealing with the attempted raid. A gang using JCB diggers

or earth-moving machines has torn cash machines bodily from four Abbey National bank branches and one Nationwide Anglia Building Society office in the past few on Easter Sunday and tore the cash dispenser off its

The machine was loaded on to the back of a stolen white Ford Transit tipper truck and driven off. The truck was later found abandoned. The cash dispenser contained £57,440 and was itself valued at £40,000. Damage caused to the branch was valued at

£14,000. Kent police are liaising with Metropolitan Police detectives investigating similar

thefts from Abbey National branches in London and the south east over the past month. All involved the use of JCBs and took place early in the morning.

The gang is believed to have targeted Abbey National as its cash dispensers are set in glass windows rath-

er than brick walls. Abbey National said yester-day that in it had lost around £100,000 in cash in the raids. A spokesman added that the location of the machines and the layout of the bank's shopfronts was under investigation and would be considered further following the

outcome of police inquiries.

Carla Lane tries to square the circle

By LOUISE HIDALGO

RESIDENTS in a north Wales coastal town have launched a campaign against an "anti-Christian" stone circle erected on an island animal sanctuary owned by Carla Lane, the comedy

scriptwriter. The protests began when helicopters were used to transport four-foot stones to Tudwal's Island East to make the circle earlier this month. Miss Lane's son, who lives in the town, Abersoch in Gwynedd, has received anonymous telephone calls from people threatening to burn down his house. Residents have signed a petition demanding that

the island not be changed. Miss Lane bought the 30acre island, two-and-a-half miles off the north Wales coast, last year. It is home to a variety of seabirds, dolphins and seaweed-eating sheep. The previous owner, Jill Fairhurst, the children's writer, was fined £2.000 for leaving 18 red deer to starve to

death on it. The protest centres around the stone circle, which Miss Lane had built as a reminder of "man's inhumanity to animals", and a new roof Miss Lane has put on a croft on the island, without applying fro planning permission. The croft is a listed building believed to be built on the re-mains of a 13th-century chapel.

Penny Jones, from nearby Bwichtocyn, who organised the petition, said: "We want to protect the landscape and make sure proper procedures are followed for any changes."

Miss Lane said yesterday

that she would apply for planning permission for the roof if councillors decided, when they met tonight, that it was necessary. "I have no inten-tion of changing the island in any way. The croft is not being used as a dwelling house and the island will remain uninhabited as I promised and intended. I feel as if I am being put on trial for something I have not done. "If Dwyfor District Council ask me to replace the Welsh slates I put on the croft's roof I will do it if that's the law. But I've been advised that they can't have to remove the

and wild flowers that require pollination." people were believed to have

A MAN wanted for questioning in connection with a fire at a party in which five people died has been killed in a road accident, police said

after being struck by a truck Ardingly road, West Sussex, on Tuesday afternoon. Police had wanted to question him about an arson attack at a flat

chairman of the bench, awarded compensation although he was told that no claim had been made. After the hearing, McIntyre said he did not regret the incident and rejected the idea that it had increased Mr Michael Bennison, leading

"Mr Carrington was one of in Hove at the weekend.

way when he was hit by the lorry close to the entrance of the Holyrood Convent. The truck driver, Malcolm Stewart, 46, of Uckfield, East Sussex. was unhurt. Det Supt

the inquiry into the fire early on Saturday at the four-storey said he could not comment on speculation that Mr Carrington had intended to kill himself. Officers were preparing a report for the coro-ner and it was up to an inquest to decide the cause of Mr Carrington's death.

the last people to leave the party before the fire broke out. It was imperative that we spoke to him and we were making inquiries to trace him at the time of his death," Mr

Mr Carrington, who was unemployed, had left the flat in Palmeira Avenue with another man shortly before the fire broke out. Police re-

in connection with the fire.

Wanted man dies in crash

yesterday. Trevor Carrington, 38, of Brighton, East Sussex, died on the B2028 Lindfield to

Sussex police said that Mr Carrington was in the road-

fused to name the other man who was arrested and questioned all day yesterday becharge last night. Mr Bennison added that Mr Carrington had been wanted for interview "to be eliminat-ed from inquiries". No one else is being sought at present

Detectives believe that someone set fire to a sofa on the landing below the third floor flat. Inquests on the deaths of Mr Carrington and those who died at the party will be opened at Lewes on

Two of the fire victims have yet to be identified. Dental tests were being carried out in an attempt to identify one of

Brothel debate rages around bishop

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev David Sheppard, came under attack yesterday for defending the decision of the Mothers' Union to debate prostitution. The union and the bishop were criticised by the anti-pornography cam-paigner Mary Whitehouse.

Staff at the Mothers' Union, founded in 1876 to be specially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves family life, were taking calls from many countries yesterday after the decision of the union's social concern committee to debate the legalisation of brothels was reported briefly in the union's periodical Home & Family.

Susan Curtis-Bennett, a staff member, said: "It is amazing. We only have six lines here. Who would think an innocent little paragraph

would cause all this furore? Dr Margaret White, a former central vice-president of the union, accused it of shedding principles like leaves. On BBC Radio 4's The World at One she said: "Christ taught us that if we found somebody in the gutter we would help them get out of it, not get down into it

and wallow in the mud with

Bishop Sheppard, chair-man of the Church of England's board for social responsibility, robustly de-fended the union. The Christian gospel not only proclaims values, it reaches out to those who have got themselves in a moral mess and offers them help where

they are," he said. He compared legalising brothels to issuing free needies to drug addicts, a policy which he has supported in Liverpool, without support-ing drug abuse. The bishop said: 'The greatest question is, what do we do when the world is not as we would like it to be? The serious risks of HIV/Aids mean we are right to consider the possibility of

licensing brothels.
We should continue to look upon prostitution as a sin but there is a difference between a crime and a sin. I think it is right that the question of whether public policy should term prostitution as criminal or not should be asked. I am pleased that the Mothers' Union are encouraging us to ask this question."

Mrs Whitehouse said people would interpret the bishop's comments as say-ing that the church con-doned the use of brothels. "Jesus told the prostitute to go and sin no more, He did

not say don't worry, we will make it legal." Acet, the Christian-based Aids agen-cy, said legalising brothels would lead to the spread of

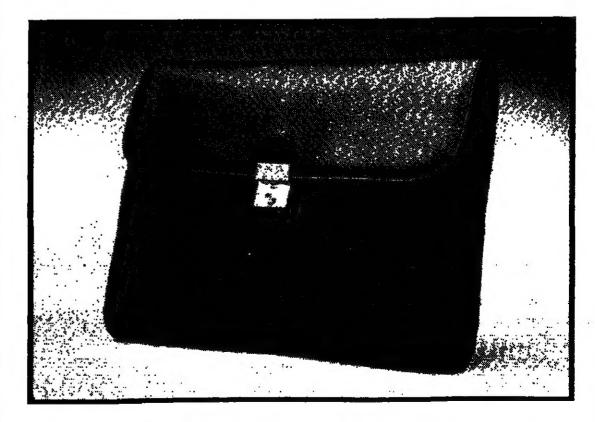
Margaret Duggan, editor of Home & Family, said the union stood by its tradition-al ideal of Christian marriage as a lifelong, exclusive relationship. "But the issue of whether prostitutes, their clients and society at large are at risk of Aids is one that Christians should treat responsibly."
Lydia Gladwin, vice-chair

of the 88-member social concern committee, which is examining a discussion document on the subject, said: 'The Mothers' Union is only asking people what they think It is not making any

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Big advance in treatment of haemophiliacs

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

A BRITISH haemophiliac controlling bleeding during has been operated on at the Royal Free Hospital in north London using synthetic factor VIII to make blood clot. The hospital believes that this is the first time the synthetic version, made by genetic engineering, has been used to control bleeding during an operation in Britain.

The use of synthetic factor VIII rather than material derived from human blood removes all danger of infection by the Aids virus.

Keith Colthorpe, a senior fire control officer from Southend-on-Sea, was given an artificial knee during the operation at the end of last month. His knee had developed arthritis as a consequence of bleeding into the joint, a common problem for

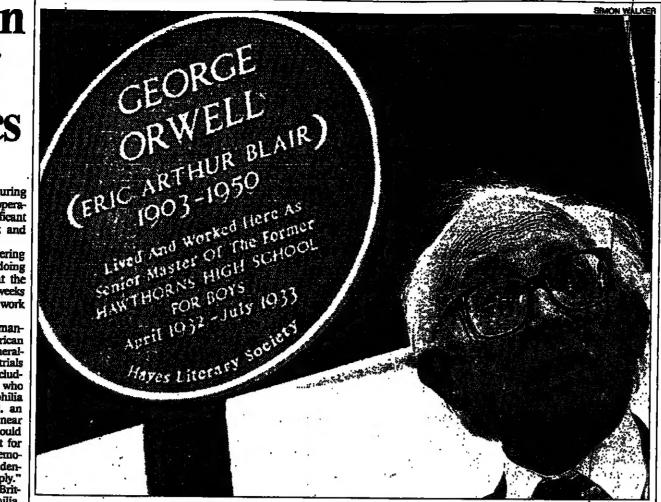
Consultant surgeon Colin Madgwick said: "It is a major undertaking to operate on a patient with a severe bleeding disorder. To be able to rely on

surgery and in the post-operative period is of significant benefit to both patient and

Mr Colthorpe is recovering from the operation and doing well. He will remain at the hospital for three more weeks and hopes to be back at work in early August.

Synthetic factor VIII, manufactured by an American company, will not be generally available until clinical trials now in progress are concluded. Dr Christine Lee, who looks after the haemophilia patients at the hospital, an NHS trust, said: "In the near future this product should provide a safe treatment for many patients with haemo-philia without any dependen-

cy on a human blood supply." About 6,000 people in Brit-ain suffer from haemophilia, and about half of them require regular replacement of factor VIII, often two or three times a week, to prevent or control bleeding episodes.



Masterly memorial: the former Labour leader Michael Foot unveiling a plaque yesterday at the site of the school at Hayes, Middlesex, where George Orwell, then known as Eric.

Blair, taught from 1932-3. During his time at Hawthorns High School for Boys, his first novel, Down and Out in Paris and London, was pub-lished and he created his pseud-

onym. An hotel now stands on the site. A Clergyman's Daughter and Coming Up for Air, both written after Orwell left Hayes, were based

Gloomy topics we cannot afford to ignore

Extracts from the speech by the Prince of Wales to the Brundtland Commission which reconvened in London yesterday

The Prince of Wales re-called the recent joint report of the Royal Society and the US National Academy of Sciences which said that "the future of the planet is in the balance" and predicted "catastrophic outcomes for the global environment". He also referred to a report of the World Health Organisation which said that polluted environments caused the death of millions every year. He said: "None of these bodies is known for its tendency to exaggerate; rather the reverse. This makes it all the more amazing that so many people still prefer to turn their backs on the signs of planetary stress that are indisput-able. The issues raised are never going to be comfortable subjects for polite conversation. Apart from anything else, they always make you sound so intolerably gloomy - and I'd much rather make

people feel happy.
"But I think we have to ask ourselves, firstly, whether we can continue to ignore the prospect of a virtual doubling of the world's population - to somewhere approaching ten billion — by 2050. Secondly, can we look forward to any kind of real security as the global gap between rich and poor continues to widen?

"If we compare the per Man's rise 'a threat to

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

wildlife'

THE world's population growth may eat up an area of wildlife habitat twice as big as all of its present protected natural areas, according to a

Paul Harrison, a researcher for the UN population report to be released on April 29, says that this area will be needed for the level at which global population is expected to stabilise - 11.5 billion.

"A world of 11.5 billion people would need roughly an extra 12.6 million square kilometres of land for farms, towns and roads," he says in The Third Revolution, a study of environment, population and the world economy. "This amounts to almost a third of today's world forest area, and double the world's protected natural areas." Mr Harrison says that, at

the expected annual increase of 97 million, the 1990s will see two Europes added over the decade; two United Kingdoms every 14 months; and a school class of 30 every ten seconds. Population growth causes almost 80 per cent of deforestation in developing nations, mainly for farming and building, he says.

Mr Harrison says, however, that person for person,

industrialised nations do much more environmental harm than Third World ones. The average person in a developed country emits roughly 20 times more water and climate pollutants." he says.

capita wealth of Europe with China, or India, the ratio in 1890 was two to one. By 1940, that ration was 40:1: today it is 70:1. Is it really any wonder that the "South" are approaching the Rio conference event with open economic demands?

"I do not want to add to the controversy over cause and effect with respect to the Third World's problems. Suffice it to say that I don't, in all logic, see how any society can hope to improve its lot when population growth regularly exceeds economic growth. The factors which will reduce population growth are, by now, easily identified: a standard of health care that makes family planning viable, increased female literacy, reduced infant mortality and access to clean water.

A chieving them, of course, is more difficult — but we will not slow the birth rate until we address poverty, and we will not protect the environment until we address the issues of population growth and poverty in the same breath. I wish these simple and incontestable truths could find greater promi-nence on the Rio agenda. Sadly, it seems that certain delegations are determined to prevent discussion of population growth. In so doing, they deny everyone else the oppor-tunity for discussion of policies which would address the environment, poverty and population growth together, rather than in isolation.

(Addressing Mrs Brundtland) "I can well un-derstand why your report called for huge increases in the rates of economic growth in the Third World. But is it really wise to call for such rapid growth, until we can be certain that the growth which emerges will both serve the people most in need? It is now widely accepted by economists that Gross National Product is merely a reasonably good indicator of the overall level of a nation's economic activity. It is a thoroughly misleading indicator of national wellbeing, let

"We clearly need some measure of "green GNP" which calculates the nation's output after deducting the depreciation of nature's capital. No business can afford to operate by eating into its capital, and in this respect nations are no different."

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The prince: "unwise to

Cat cancer blamed on loss of ozone

By NICK NUFTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

ENVIRONMENTAL campaigners, perhaps concerned that messages about damage to the ozone layer are failing on deaf ears, are appealing to the British public's traditional love of pets to get their argument across.

Greenpeace is citing the case of Kipper, a cat from Bristol, who recently had his ear removed after contracting skin cancer. Such cancers are expected to increase if the ozone shield thins significantly over Europe, aithough this is the first time that cats have been identified as being at particular risk.

The group argues that cats, natural sun lovers, are prone to cancers of the ear, nose and eyelids, especially if they are of the blue-eyed, white-furred Siamese variety, gingers with white ears or rare albinos.

Kipper, a snowy white, is not an isolated case, according to the group. "White cats everywhere are at risk because they have little protection from ultraviolet light," Greenpeace says. It wants a ban on ozone depleting chemicals and is advising owners to coat cats in sun-tan lotion. Greenpeace turned its attention to cats after a series of vigorous campaigns over ozone depletion attracted

only limited publicity with

the media wearying of such stories. The move was clearly tactical, Tony Good, a public relations expert and head of Good Consultancy, in London, said. "One has to be admiring of somebody who, having failed to get something across in terms of humans, is trying to hit the public where they know

it is most vulnerable, ie, domestic pets." However, the vet who treated Kipper, Joe Tristram, of the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals in Bristol, said yesterday that he would be concerned if it were implied that the cat's cancer was linked with ozone depletion. He believed that some skin cancers had increased on cats in recent years, but linked this with the hot summers of 1989 and 1990

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Cruel nurse made home for elderly a 'war zone'

BY BULL FROST

A NURSE who tied senile patients to chairs and subjected others to a catalogue of further cruelty was removed from the nursing register yesterday.

Mary Dickson was struck off by the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visi-tors after a tribunal was told that five frail women, aged between 60 and 90, were abused at her hands.

Mrs Dickson, 72, tied pa-tients to chairs with bandages and rugs and barricaded others in their rooms and beds using piles of chairs. She force-fed one old woman with a syringe, cutting her lip and causing her mouth to bleed.

The tribunal was also told that Mrs Dickson compelled a woman, aged 90 and suffering from senile dementia, to sleep on a mattress on the floor because she feared the patient would fall off her bed. One patient aged 70 had a stroke after being forcibly confined to a chair. Mrs Dickson tied down the woman with a bandage, the mbunal was told.

Staff at the Portland Nursing Home in Hove, East Sussex, where Mrs Dickson worked, told the tribunal that they heard patients crying and yelling in their rooms. She had locked them in or barricaded doors with piles of

Barbara Pennick, a fellow employee, claimed that Mrs Dickson had created a "war zone" at the nursing home between March 1988 and September 1990. She said: "Patients were not treated gently. With one 90-year-old woman, she would get ex-

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tremely agitated and call the patient names. The patient would scramble to the end of the bed and fall off and Mrs Dickson would get mad because this meant a hospital visit and embarrassment for her. Mrs Dickson would pull the mattress on the floor because she feared the woman would crawl off her bed."

Mrs Pennick told the hearing that barricades of chairs were erected to pen parients in their beds. "Sometimes the patient would push against the chairs and fall between

them and the bed," she said. Mrs Dickson, who did not appear at the hearing, admir-ted posing as a sister when she was in fact an enrolled nurse. She was found guilty of 13 charges of misconduct.

Susan Lea, matron of the nursing home, told the hearing that she was not aware of Mrs Dickson's methods on the night shift. She said: "At the time I did not realise what was going on, otherwise I would have stopped it immediately. When I approached her about it, she said everyone was ganging up against her and that she was under a lot of stress."

John Maher, counsel for Mrs Dickson, said: "She is 72 years old and trained many years ago and in my conversa-tions with her, she told me that she thought her actions were always in the best interests of the patients.

"Mrs Dickson is not working at all now because of her health and her husband's health and she has no intention of returning to nursing or any other form of



PC Wellman: "Rural theft is increasing

PC puts wildlife first

By RONALD FAUX

HELPING toads to cross roads and advising on how to deal with a vandal blackcution if they ignore lifeguard warnings and swim in danbird are all in a day's work for PC Michael Wellman, the first full time wildlife and environmental protec-tion officer with a British police force.

From his office at Runcorn police station in Che-shire, PC Wellman, 41, works to protect the county's wildlife from the threats of poachers, bad-ger diggers, egg thieves and chemical spills. His "beat" includes more than 30 game shoots and estates, and nine game fish-eries. He also supervises 74 Poacherwatch schemes and other measures to re-

duce rural crime. "It is a fact of life that Country Watch schemes are necessary these days because of the volume of thefts and vandalism in the countryside. I work with rural police officers advising on prevention measures such as marking equipment which makes tracing much easier and how best to secure proper-

ty," he says. PC Wellman was

brought up in the Rift Val-

ley in Uganda and worked on wildlife projects there before moving to Britain. The most "obnoxious" cases he comes across are badger diggers, be says. The quieter side of his work has included helping to organise a safe passage across a roadway for toads en route for their spawn-ing ground and advising a motorist whose newly sprayed car was attacked by a blackbird which insisted on pecking at its reflection in the black

paintwork. The man took

the law's advice and

bought a garage.



The Four Boys being launched yes-terday at Sennen Cove, Cornwall, walthed by the parents of the boys

in whose memory it was named. The four, James Holloway, 11, Nicholas Hurst, 10, Ricci Lamden, 11, and Robert Ankers, 11, (clock-





Poges middle school, Bucking-hamshire. After their deaths their parents pledged to raise money towards a new lifeboat for Sennen Cove close to Land's End. They raised about £100,000 towards the £450,000 needed for a 38ft Mersey class lifeboat. Yesterday

John and Julie Hurst, David and Christine Ankers, Jim and Barbara Holloway and Bob and Rita Lamden watched as the lifeboat slid down the slipway into the sea. Mrs Lamden said: "Once this boat has saved just one life we will know that our sons did not die in vain."

Orchid site threatened by homes scheme

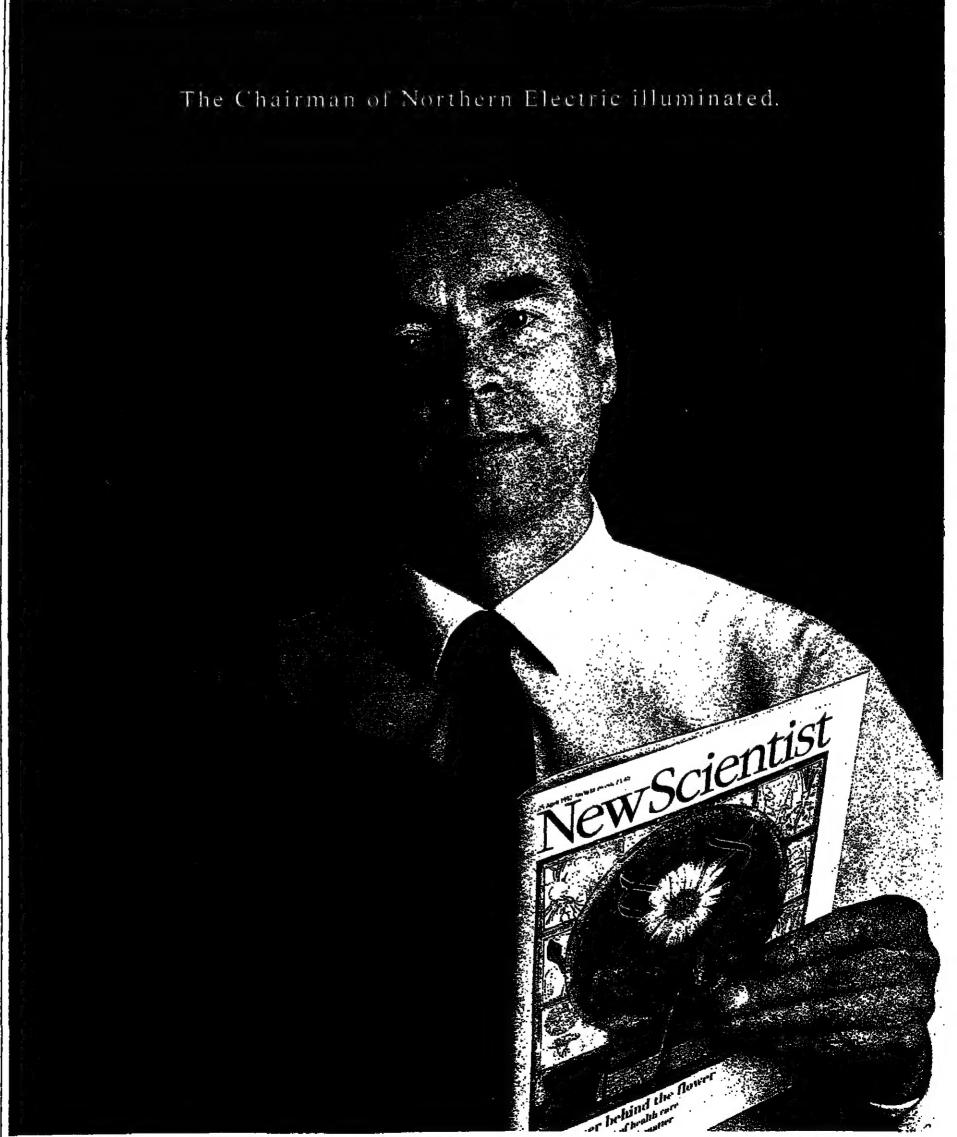
BY RONALD FAUX

RARE flowers and butterflies that make a stretch of grassland a site of special scientific interest should not be allowed to stand in the way of plans to regenerate a Cumbrian town, a planning enquiry was told

yesterday. Cumbria County Council is supporting a development company's proposal to build 40 high quality houses on the site close to a £5 million yachting marina and housing development. Groups objecting to the plan include English Nature, the Cumbria Wildlife Trust, Friends of the Earth and Maryport Natural History Society. The site is home to the pyramidal orchid, purple broomrape and the small

blue butterfly. Thomas Shepherd, leader of the county's strategic plan-ning group, told the opening day of the enquiry in Maryport that the housing scheme was important to the harbour development which in turn was a key factor in

regenerating Maryport.
The enquiry continues



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Peking leader borrows Mao's student strategy to outflank hardliners

Deng wages reform battle on campus

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

IN A move which could backfire with devastating results. Deng Xiaoping, China's senior leader, has enlisted the support of reformist sympa-thisers at Peking University in his power struggle against

Go-betweens sent by Mr Deng, 87, to Peking University campus recently persuaded a group of reformist teachers and students to produce two documents condemning hardline university officials. It is a tactic Mr Deng learnt the hard way during the Cul-tural Revolution, when Chairman Mao and the Gang of Four used student factions to attack their political rivals, including Mr Deng himself.

A quarter of a century later, Mr Deng must be hoping he can use their strategy without opening the same Pandora's box of radical activism. It would not be the first time, however, that he has whipped up student fervour only to crush it as soon as it has served its purpose.

Both documents accuse

campus leaders including Wu Shuqing, the university president, of opposing Mr Deng's ten years of reform. The documents have been sent to Mr Deng's supporters in the Communist party leadership to be used as ammunition in their fight against hardliners. far, the two documents have The university leaders now not been circulated on the under attack were installed by hardline national leaders to

impose strict control on Peking University after the pro-democracy demonstrations of 1989. The campus had been a hotbed of student activism during the demonstrations which ended with great loss of life when the army opened Although politburo and

parliament meetings have endorsed Mr Deng's recent calls for radical economic reform, the fact that the senior leader needs to turn to the campuses for help suggests that he has not yet won his battle against hardliners. His argument, voiced during his tour of the south of China at

progress is more important an ideology. His opponents reply that, if China loosens its control on ideology, capitalism and chaos will follow. Mr Deng's decision to take the power struggle to the campus is extremely risky. So

Peking University campus. If students sense, however, that open warfare is being launched on hardline university officials, they will be only too happy to join in. That could mean demonstrations like those in 1989 and in turn another hardline backlash.

Of the two documents, one describes angrily the way in which hardline university officials since 1989 have conducted a witch hunt. Officials have arbitrarily branded teachers and students as "capitalists" and "liberals" and imposed deadening Marxist ideological restraints on the whole university.

According to the document, university officials con-sistently referred to the ten



Taking a gamble: Deng Xiaoping has recruited reformists at Peking University to attack the enemies of change at the risk of encouraging student militancy

years of Mr Deng's reform programme as "the ten years of error". The other document details how university officials reacted with alarm to news of Mr Deng's calls early this year for opponents of

reform to step down.

At first they tried to block transmission of Mr Deng's Then they tried to play down their importance, passing them off as comments of no

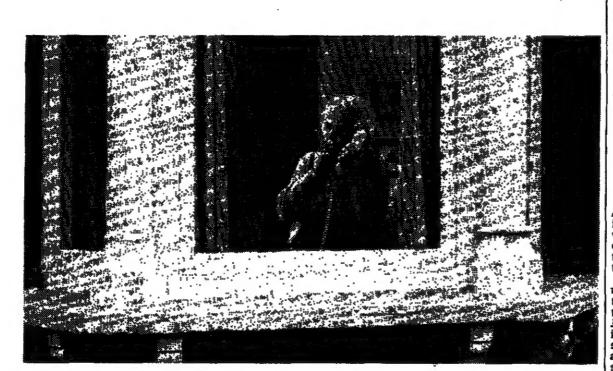
Deng was chatting or going for a walk. Wu Shuqing, the university president, said:

Wang Jiaqiu, head of the Communist party committee, was quoted as saying: "As soon as we stop carrying out socialism, chaos will overhelm the country, and once that happens it will be a worse situation than that in the

portant than anything else, otherwise what will we do if the students demonstrate? The documents, both signed by "some teachers and stu-dents of Peking University" and dated March 10, said the vast majority of those at the university opposed the hardline officials, but had been too frightened to speak

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Japan's war guilt shrouds mystery of unearthed bones

An official report has not erased the memory of army experiments on PoWs, Joanna Pitman reports from Tokyo

WHEN astonished construction workers unearthed the of bodies more than two years ago on the site of the former Japanese Imperial Army's laboratory, where biological experiments were allegedly carried out on prisoners dur-ing the second world war, many believed that the govemment would view this as a mystery better left unsolved.

As testimony to the taboos which still surround areas of Japan's involvement in the war, anthropological research institutes politely de-clined to analyse the bones. Eventually a group from Shinjuku ward council, where the bones were dug up, was chivvied by left-wing civil rights groups into doing so. Yesterday, after a year-long investigation led by Hajime Sakura, a physical anthropol-ogist, the council said they had found no evidence of experiments on live humans.

In announcing their incon-clusive findings. Mr Sakura said: "It is impossible to clear-ly identify the skulls. We can tell that they are mongoloid, but we do not know if they are Chinese, Korean or Japanese." This statement, however, goes some way towards linking the remains to the thousands of Chinese, Korean and Soviet prisoners of war known to have been used for germ and chemical war-

fare experiments.
But Mr Sakura claimed that the dates of deaths and of burials could not be pinpointburials could not be pinpointed to anything more specific than "between 10 and 100 years ago", while admitting that he had declined to use DNA-related analysis. The military medical group that was headquartered during the war in Shinjuku ward, was known as Unit 731 and was headed by General Shiro Ishii. Although he was never convicted of war crimes, Gen-

eral Ishii is known as Japan's equivalent of Josef Mengele. Under his direction, onsoners of war were used in secret camps in Japanese occupied territory for experimentation by Unit 731 in its attempt to develop biological weapons. Known as marutas (wooden logs), the victims were injected with tetanus, infected with dysentery or staked out in the open, and bombarded with cyanide gas. Others were exposed to tem-peratures of minus 50 de-

took to freeze to death. One former Unit 731 member, who recently went through the painful process of confessing to his warnine crimes, described prisoners being made to carry heavy army packs and march round and round in cold weather conditions with minimal quantities of food and water, until they collapsed and died of exhaustion.

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Yesterday Keichi Tsuneishi of Kanagawa University, an authority on Unit 731, challenged the report. He said victims were often dismem-bered and only those parts of the body not used in experiments, mainly skulls, hands and feet, would be buried. "You say there is no link, but I think there is sufficient evidence to raise doubts about the origin of these bones," he told Shinjuku officials.

Asked about the existence of dents and sharp incisions in the thigh bones and bulletlike holes and evidence of crude surgery in the skulls, Mr Sakura said that the medical unit based on the site had been at the cutting edge of gery at the end of the war, and these skulls were probably the remains of deceased Japanese who had offered

Island visitors bring hope of Kurile thaw

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

A PARTY of Russian visitors from the Kurile islands arrived in Japan yesterday as evidence of the new visa-free travel arrangement between the two countries.

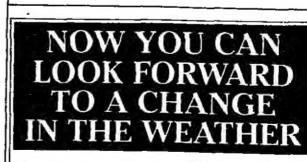
The new arrangement has raised hopes of a possible thaw in the long-standing territorial dispute between apan and Russia over four islands north of Japan, seized by the Soviet Union's army towards the end of the second world war.

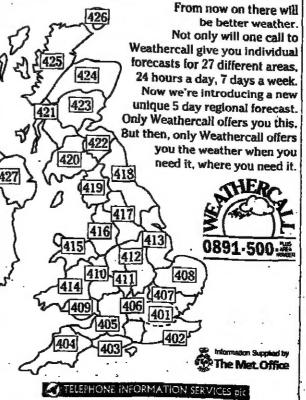
Shikotan. Kunashiri and Etorofu islands, part of the Kurile chain, arrived at Hanasaki port on Japan's north-ern island of Hokkaido. They said they hoped the develop-ment would be the first step towards solving the 47-year territorial dispute. The dis-pute has prevented Russia and Japan from signing a peace treaty and has been the official reason for Tokyo's refusal to grant large-scale aid to Russia. The visa-



former Soviet president, when he visited Japan in April last year.

Yesterday's visitors, led by the chairman of the south Kurile assembly, included bureaucrats, journalists and fishery workers. They will spend six days in Hokkaido, sightseeing and meeting local officials. On May 11 a similar group of Japanese visitors is scheduled to go to Shikotan, Kunashiri and





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Partly for fear of losing

tween President Bush and Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission. were last night billed as an eleventh-hour attempt to save the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade talks. But in truth the meeting was de-signed to do no more than

stop the five years of negotiation from collapsing in acrimonious failure. The leaders of the two sides shaping up for a new trade war were not looking for success but for a way of avoiding outright disaster. For many officials preparing the Washington talks and other meetings in Europe on the Uruguay round of Gatt over the fortnight, a "success" will be keeping the talks alive

until fresh negotiations can

begin next year. In the words of one official: "We are des-

The leaders of the two sides now shaping up for a world trade war can hope only to avoid outright disaster, George Brock reports from Brussels

perately looking for a 'soft. landing'."

At a technical level, the talking never stops. For the past 18 months America and the European Community have been at loggerheads over reducing farm subsidies, and officials from both sides have worked themselves close to exhaustion in an effort to find a solution which will close the gap. They have met in Geneva. Washington, Brussels, New York and even, for a change, at Heathrow airport last week. They have

politicians, diplomats and echnicians, but they remain deadlocked. The list of disagreements,

on the other hand, varies hardly at all between each round of bargaining. A solntion would need to cover four outstanding points:

D Reducing subsidised exports. Arthur Dunkel. Gair's secretary general, suggests a five-year reduction of 36 per-cent in subsidies and a 24 per cent reduction in volume. The EC shows no sign yet of meeting this figure, but the prob-lens are confined to cereals. At times the difference benegotiating teams, swapping

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Bush and Delors seek soft landing for stalling Gatt talks

home. The BC wants comperisation for farmers hit by faling price support to be exempt from Gast rules, protected by what the experts call a "safe box". This is now probably the easiest point to solve, but the Americans are

still suspicious that new rules

could be abosed. □ "Rebalancing" EC farm subsidies. This apparently innocent term conceals a request from Europe that, in exchange for subsidy and tariff reductions, some tariffs should rise. This contradicts

down tariff walls by marelenting pressure over years.

DA peace clause An EC request that, in the event of an

tween the two sides has been agreement. America should agree not to use its aggressive trade legislation against Europe over farm subsidies. Reducing farm support at With new disputes over soya

and steel this spring, this question grows trickier. As the months have passed and successive deadlines have been missed, the numbercrunchers have played with increasingly ingenious ways of trading off these problems against one another.

Virtually all the key players believe in the viral importance of securing a Gatt package which not only covers farming for the first time but also takes in services and intellectual property.

for Economic Co-operation and Development predicted a \$195 billion (£112 billion) rise in sales of goods and services across the globe over

iffs are cut by the average 30 per cent that has been pencilled in by Gatt's officials.

But the politicians who launched the Uruguay round in Panta del Este in the heady days of 1986 underestimated the depth of their difficulties with farmers. In order to consolidate rec-

onciliation between France and Germany after the second world war, the rest of Europe and successive American presidents have tolerated * Enropean Community common agricultural policy which preserves uneconomic farms by distorting the world's food markets.

After a quarter of a century, this system, threatened by Gatt's free trade spirit, has built up some powerful political defences.

Neither Helmut Kohl, the

German chancellor, nor Pres ident Mitterrand of France are currently prepared to make concessions which would infuriate their farmers but create a compromise with Washington Mr Bush can give a limbe, but not so much that the Democrats can accuse him of selling America short during the autumn elec-

tion campaign. If he were prepared to face down the Franco-German partnership in favour of a constructive agreement, M Delors could play the high-profile role as Europe's international figurehead of which he has always dreamed. But M Delors, who also wants to succeed M Minerrand as president of France, has never yet picked a fight with Herr Kohl

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America gets tough with Serbia after policy switch

proposing

By Roger Boyes, east europe correspondent

AMERICA has started to talk tough to Serbia and seems to have given up the idea of a new, smaller Yugoslavia. The State Department has threatened to make Serbia an international pariah unless it stops military action in Bosnia.

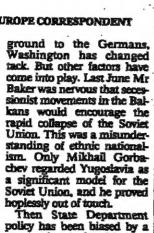
The Yugoslav seat on various international bodies — a presence that benefits only Serbia — could be scrapped; diplomatic relations broken and sanctions tightened. Last June Washington was striking a different note: James Baker, the Secretary of State, was giving a warning against the dangers of Yugoslavia dis-integrating and "the tragic consequences" for Europe. He told Croatia and Slovenia that they could not expect recognition, and even in Novmber, Wacren Zimmerman, the American ambassador to Belgrade, was saying that recognition of the breakaway

states was not on the agenda. The focus of American policy was on supporting a federal government, which had no ocratic mandate, on the ground that it would introduce radical market reform and would thus help keep Yugoslavia together. That policy, say the Slovenes, gave the

light to invade their country. The present shift marks the end of a foreign policy dream. and a coming of age. In the spring of 1991, a government spokesman declared: "We have a policy for the Soviet Union, Canada, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Iraq. We want them to stay together."

Now, an active, determined The emphasis was on territorial integrity and unity, a

based on friendship



personal relationship be-tween Slobodan Milosevic. the Serbian leader, and Law rence Eagleburger, the Assis tant Secretary of State. Mr Eagleburger was an ambas-sador to Yugoslavia and had good ties with Mr Milosevic. His influence appears to have been enough to cancel out a CIA warning in November 1990 which stated: "The Yu-goslav experiment has failed. The country will fall apart. That will probably be accompanied by acts of violence and unrest that could lead to civil war."

American influence on Serbia has been limited, perhaps because Mr Milosevic knows Washington better than Washington knows Mr Milo-sevic. That has allowed Mr Milosevic to play on basic fears of German foreign policy expansionism and split the as almost neutralising

American policy, more closely aligned to the EC, could tilt the scales against war. Mr Milosevic should be told that the whole of the West is arraigned against policies based on a war machine.

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Eagleburger: policy



ing in Red Square yesterday to pay their respects to Lexia by laying carnations on his tomb on the 122nd anniversay of his birth. Time was when April 22 was an occasion for nationwide celebration, when

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phally in Moscow. Small anniversary gatherings could be seen across central Moscow. There was no ban needed. The Lenin museum on the edge of Red Square held a ceremo-

uin' meeting, then its director announced that the museum "no longer wants to be an ideological institution". Kuranty, the popular independent Moscow paper, published fierce letters for and against preserving Lenin as an icon.

Paris takes legal steps on EC pact

FROM PRILIP JACQUSON IN PARIS

THE French government yesterday approved the con-tents of a bill that will introduce the constitutional changes required before parlisment can ratify the terms of the Maastricht treaty. The text of the proposed law was then sent to the National Assembly, with the Senate also being asked to adopt its provisions unchanged.

Assuming the bill secures the approval of both chambers, as seems probable, President Mitterrand will then submit it either to a special invite the electorate to decide the matter through a national referendum. With his person-al popularity still in the dol-drums. M Mitterrand would prefer the former course.

The constitional changes three articles that touch directly upon French sovereignty: adoption of a common currency, permitting other European Community nationals to vote in French local elections and introduction of common visa policies. Opinion polls suggest that most voters are resigned to such changes, but there is likely to be opposition from other pol-

Yeltsin achieves qualified victory

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW

SUPPORTERS of Boris Yeltsin and his reformist govern-ment claimed victory yesterday, as they recovered from the 14 days of fierce but often tedious debate that constitut ed the sixth Russian Congress of People's Deputies. Their opponents, meanwhile, re-treated in silence to consider their position. The political landscape remained confused, however, and Mr Yelfsin's victory appeared less than total, leaving the pros-pect of battles to come. For the Yeltsinites, Mikhail

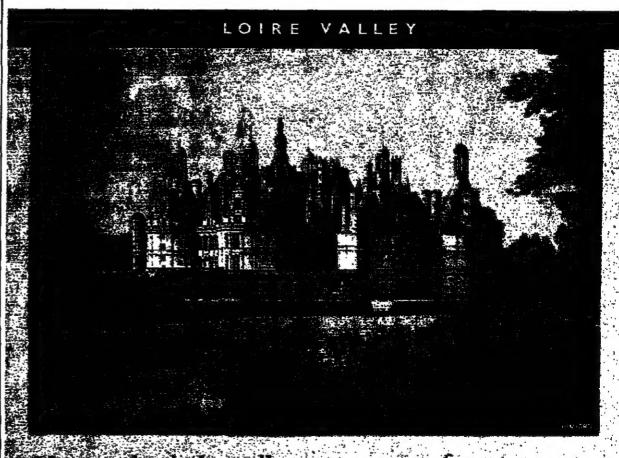
Poltoranin, the deputy prime minister and a close ally of the president, said the opposition had not succeeded in "blackmailing the government and forcing it to its knees". Their coup" had failed, he said.

Others, however, were more inclined to regard the outcome as an honourable draw. Representatives of nine small parties, which included Vice-President Aleksandr Rutskoi's Free Russia party, Oleg Rumyantsev's Republican party and Nikolai Travkin's Democratic party,

expressed satisfaction that neither side had resorted in the end to extreme measures and that government policies would be tempered. Mr Yeltsin won only in the

sense that he gave away less than his opponents. The opposition set out with certain well-defined aims to oust the government of Yegor Gaidar, or force a significant retreat in policy; to clip the presi-dent's wings and the executive branch of power; and change the balance of consti-tutional power in favour of the legislature. Their apparent failure to achieve any of these is their defeat.

Mr Yeltsin and his govern ment had also set out with certain hopes. They wanted to change the balance in favour of the executive, if possible by enshrining Mr Yeltsin's temporary powers in a new conmentary mandate for the constitutional right for people to buy and sell agricultural land. All they got was a halfhearted endorsement of the



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YAKUTSK NOTEBOOK by Mary Dejevsky Salvation lies in being separate

Spring, as everyone will stell you when you arrive, is not the time to visit Yakutia, or Sakha, as it is should now be called Come in midwinter, when the temperature is nudging 60C below, or in high summer, when it is in the 40s and the flowers are in bloom, they say, but not now.

Visiting Sakha at the wrong time of year, though, has its advantages. You see the wateriness, the mud and the sheer dereliction at their worst, a snapshot of the problems facing Russia. As seven months' accumulation of snow and ice slips gently down the dunes on the edge of Yakutsk and into the channels that feed the Lena river, all the inadequacies of town planning face. Everywhere is debris

Urban renewal came to Yakutsk 20 years ago, and is still, alas, in progress. A splendid plan exists, of which the bulk remains unbuilt. The traditional wooden houses are falling down, to be cleared (in theory) and replaced by five and sixstorey concrete blocks. perched on already rickety concrete piles.

Prices here are higher than in most other parts of Russia, and so are salaries, but their value is eaten away by Russia's general inflation. You can earn so much more in the free econ-omy now, why go all the way to Sakha to do it?

Now Yakutia is trying out new freedoms. They include the freedom to be called Sakha, the native name which Russians seem now to enunciate with as much enthusiasm as the Yakuts to demonstrate their break with the Soviet past. They also include economic freedoms, partly wrested from Russia under the recent federal treaty, partly plucked from the engulfing

ministrative vacuum. If you cannot save yourselves together, Yakut officials are saying, you must

Sakha is now permitted to market its own furs, a percentage of its diamonds precious stones, but first it must releam how. Western companies are

and sell expertise, for this benighted region of Russia has two advantages: mineral deposits which are far from exhausted and assets with international value. he authorities in Yakntsk are doing their best, too. A so-called "com-

mercial secondary school has been founded, sponsored by the local commodity exchange and other enterprises, where computer programming, marketing and accounting are includ-ed in the curriculum. Teachers are bired on foredterm contracts and, for pupils, there is an entrance examination on the model of Western IQ tests.

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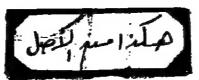
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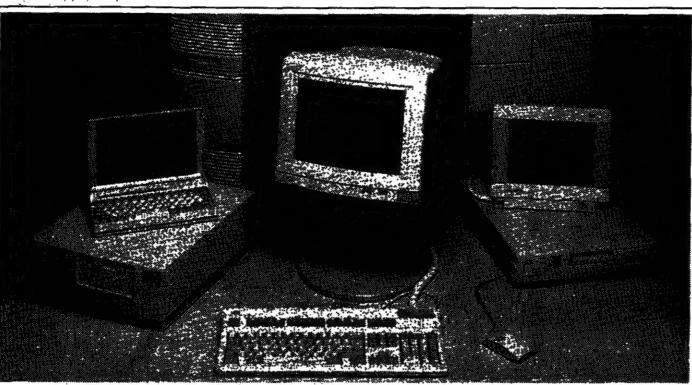
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Plan for West Bank elections fails to satisfy Palestinians

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL has drawn up de-tailed plans to hold municipal elections in the occupied territories and could present them next week, when it resumes bilateral talks with Palestin-

ian delegates in Washington.
According to senior Israeli
officials, the plan would envisage holding the first elections in more than a decade in some or all of the main Palestinian population centres in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, home to 1.8 million disenfranchised Arabs. But the proposal has been met with resistance from Palestinian delegates to the talks. who suspect the municipal elections could be an Israeli tactic to deflect from their demands for autonomy leading to Palestinian statehood.

However, the plan, which is reported to have the blessing of the defence ministry and Elyiakim Rubinstein, the head of the Israeli team negotiating with the joint Palestinlan-Jordanian delegation, could neverthless breathe new life into the frozen peace talks, which have hardly progressed at all after six months



Although Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister, has not altered his uncompromising negotiating position, that the occupied territories will forever be a part of Israel and that Jewish settlements will continue to grow on the captured lands, he would like to secure a concrete achievement in the negotiations before the June 23 general election.

Although his right-wing supporters are still firmly behind the Israeli leader, he has watched his popularity slide over the past months, in part because of public disaffection over his handling of the peace

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The election proposal was drawn up by Major-General Danny Rothschild, the head of the Israeli civil administration for the occupied territories, who has encouraged elections over the past year to professional Palestinian bodies, such as chambers of commerce, as well as medical and legal associations.

During the 1970s, Israel allowed some Palestinian towns to elect their mayors, but they were later replaced by Israeli military authorities after they were accused of cooperation with the banned PLO. In 1980 two mayors were deported from Israel and two others were mairned in car bomb attacks by Jewish

Now, however, in the post-Gulf war climate marked by a dramatic fall in the number of intifada (Palestinian uprising) incidents, Major-Gener-al Rothschild is reported to be interested in holding trial elections in the West Bank town of Hebron, which could be followed by similar polls in

negotiations which has alien- Ramallah, Nablus, Gaza city, and other Palestinian urban

> Ironically, the plan's big-gest opponents are not the hardline Jewish settlers, but the Palestinian leaders in the occupied territories, who fear as an alternative to legislative elections and that the radical Muslim fundamentalist Hamas movement, which is opposed to the peace process, could score significant victories in key towns like He-bron and Ramallah. "Municipal elections are

outside the parameters of the peace process," said Hanan Ashrawi, the Palestinian spokeswoman, who leaves with the delegation for Jor-dan today en route for Wash-ington. "The Israelis want to with our call for elections to a

legislative body."
However, a senior Israeli official said that, if the election offer was made next week, the Palestinians should accept it. "The Palestinians would be well advised to take what they can get now," he



Hot money: An angry Lebanese woman, her hat decorated with worthless Lebanese banknotes, burns a US dollar bill during demonstrations against worsening economic conditions by 25,000 people in Beirut yesterday. The protest marked the second time this week that thousands of angry workers, students and housewives had taken to the streets to call for the

resignation of Omar Karame's cabinet (Ali Jaber writes from Beirut). The protesters blame the Syrian-backed government for the rapidly depreciating value of Leba-non's currency and the galloping inflation which has sent the price of food and commodities soaring. The demonstration, organised by the General Labour Federation, overwhelmed central Beirut,

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Drummer

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Al Foster, the American jazz drummer, was sentenced in

Tokyo to two years in prison suspended for three years for smuggling 1.21 grams of her-oin into Japan. Foster was

arrested in Tokyo last month after a three-city tour with the Herbie Hancock Trio.

Prince Karim Aga Khan, the spiritual leader and imam of Ismaili Muslims, has arrived

in Uganda for talks with Presturn of property confiscated from thousands of Ismailis by Idi Amin, the former dictator.

Magic Johnson, the former

Los Angeles Lakers star who quit professional basketball after being diagnosed HIV positive, will address Har-

ates on June 4 during the

school's commencement

Alessandra Mussolini, below, the second world war

Fascist dictator's grand-

daughter, has vowed to brighten up the Italian par-liament and to occupy the

seat used by her grandfather.

"I want to wear something

bright. I want to bring a bit of light into that greyness," the former small-part film ac-

ceremonies.

tress, 30, said.

rebels prepare to govern Mujahidin leaders give priority to military matters. Christopher Thomas reports

Afghan

BENON Sevan, the United Nations special envoy to Afghanistan, told the country's most powerful insurgent leader yesterday that the Mujahidin had won the war and it was up

to them to form a govern-ment if they wanted to. "They are the ones who will have to live with it." he declared in the small town of Charikar, 30 miles north of Kabul, where he had had talks with Ahmad Shah Masood, the leader of Jamiat-i-Islami. Mr Masood is the most important political figure in the constantly changing kaleido-scope of rebel alliances. He made clear that he was ready to become president if that was the will of the

people. But first, he said, military matters needed to be settled. Forces from the rival Hezb-i-Islami Muja-hidin group headed by Gulbuddin Hekmatyar. had moved from the south to within 15 miles to

Mr Masood, a Tajik, sat in a pleasantly furnished room with Mr Sevan, along with a breakaway army general and some as-sistants. He wanted peace, he said, and pointed out that the northern coalition of Mujahidin, army and militia controlling the north of the country, had taken Charikar and Bag-ran, a neighbouring town, without difficulty. They could now walk into Kabul

any time they wished. But he insisted that he wanted a negotiated setshed, while at the same time "protecting" the capi-tal from Mr Hekmatyar's

He claimed that several Pashtun rebel groups had joined the predominantly non-Pashtun coalition. He reiterated that Dr Najibullah, the former president who is sheltering in a Uni-ted Nations office in the capital, would not be allowed to leave the country. "His head belongs to the people of Afghanistan," he declared. "The right to decide what happens to him belongs to the people."

Mr Masood said he hoped to negotiate the setting up of an interim Islamic government in Ka-bul. Mr Sevan said he welcomed the reassurance that Jamiat forces would not march into the capital,

except peacefully.

Asked what was likely to happen to Dr Najibullah, Mr Sevan said: That is not an issue I came here for. For me, that is just a secondary issue. The most essential issue to resolve today is the fate of Afghanistan." He was clearly anxious to play down the issue, which has become an acute embarrassment

 Kabul: Jan Karlsson, 39, an aid worker from Iceland working for the Interna-tional Committee of the Red Cross, was shot dead yesterday near Kabul, dip-lomats said. (Reuter)

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Militants in Algeria call for armed revolt

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN ALGIERS

ALGERIA'S banned Islamic Salvation Front yesterday urged its fundamentalist followers to "move from words to rifles" in its first direct call for armed struggle since the authorities moved against it

in January.
"To oppression, there is resistance, and we are prepared to sacrifice millions to save Algeria," wrote Minbar el-Dioumouaa, a clandestine news-sheet published by the front. "After vain calls for dialogue, the people should move from words to rifles," it

Whether the publication was expressing the official position of the movement, which was banned on March 4 after thousands of arrests, among them top fundamentalist leaders, was not immediately clear. The front still issues communiqués stamped and signed by officials in hiding.

In one, issued in mid-March, it conceded that attacks on security forces could be the work of militant fundamentalists, as the authorities claim, but did not take responsibility for the violence. There have been approximately 50 deaths among the security forces since the military-backed rulers imposed a state of emergency on February 9. The authorities have begun posting photographs of wanted suspects on walls in urban areas.

A five-member council, the High State Committee, took power in January to thwart a fundamentalist election victory in parliament, ousting President Chadli Benjedid. The council yesterday announced the names of a 60member consultative council, an advisory body to replace

the dissolved parliament.

Members include Redha Malek, a former ambassador to London and Washington; Khalida Messaoudi, who is the president of the Association for the Triumph of Women's Rights; and academics and journalists.

The front on Tuesday reiterated its denunciation of the planned council, saying that it embodied "the shame of the arbitrary confiscation of the

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Gas chamber ordeal stirs passions on death penalty

From James Bone in New York and William Cash in los angeles

The execution of Robert Alton Harris in the gas cham-ber at California's San Quentin prison, after four stays of execution were granted and overturned in nine hours, has increased pressure in the United States for the death sen-tence to be performed in full public view.

Calls were made yesterday for a judge to release the court-ordered videotape of the murderer's death, which took 16 minutes. It was the first recording ever made of an American execution. "Release the tape," said a lead editorial in USA Today.

"Give the public enough credit to let it help decide this troubling issue."

The execution was also followed by calls for legislation to substitute lethal injection for cyanide gas as the statemethod of canital number. method of capital punish-ment in California. Just six

Abortion debate rages

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON

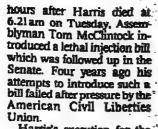
AS THE United States Supreme Court began to review a Pennsylvania law that seeks to restrict the availability of abortions, the temperature of the national debate on the

issue rose sharply. In Buffalo, New York, there were 150 arrests after fundamentalist pro-life demonstrators tried to force the closing of an abortion clinic. In Indiana, pro-choice activists mounted legal efforts to stop a Republican congressional candidate from airing commercials showing pictures of terminated foetuses. In Washington, pro-life and prochoice demonstrators taunted each other outside the

Supreme Court. Yesterday, Michael Bailey, a first-time congressional candidate in Indiana, dements. "I'm trying to show people that if you are not pro-life, you ought to be, and here is the reason why." The two local stations in Indiana and Kentucky which began broadcasting the advertisements on Tuesday have been swamped by telephone calls,

mostly of support.
The demonstrations near the steps of the Supreme Court were vociferous but peaceful. Inside the court, the nine judges heard formal arguments from lawyers acting for Robert Casey, the Penn-sylvania governor, and for the American Civil Liberties

The Pennsylvania case may well result in the Supreme Court deciding that women do not have a constitutional right to abortion. Legal argument yesterday frequently failed to concentrate on the specific question of Pennsylvania, and widened the dehate to strike at or support the broader questions of a woman's constitutional rights on



Harris's execution for the killing of two San Diego teen-agers in 1978 was the first in California, America's most populous state, for a quarter of a century and opened the way for the execution of nearly 330 more inmates or the state's death row. Pete Wilson, the California governor, would need to sign the new bill for it to take effect in time for the next execution, sched-

uled next month.

A non-profit television sta-tion in San Francisco sued for the right to televise Hartis's death, arguing that the public had a right to see what was being carried out in its name. It lost the case.

Another court ordered a videotape to be made of the execution because of a suit brought by the American Civ-il Liberties Union charging that California's use of cyanide gas amounted to "cruel and unusual punishment" outlawed by the American constitution. US district judge Marilyn Hall Parel ruled that the film could. prove to be crucial evidence in the suit. State lawyers have challenged the reliability of witness reports on the suffering caused by poison gas. She specified that the tape be deposited under seal with the court and no copies be made unless ordered by a judge.
Only 17 official witnesses

and several members of the victims' families were allowed to witness Harris's last minutes in the gas chamber. "This was torture." said Kevin Leary of the San Fran-cisco Chronicle, who was one of the chosen witnesses. "I'm not sure of my stand on the death penalty any more."
Other witnesses said it took Harris seven minutes to lose consciousness and 16 min-utes to die after the cyanide gas was released.

"If we believe the death penalty is just, we should make executions public," Sheryl McCarthy wrote in her column in New York Newsday yesterday. "We should carry them out in the public square as was done in the early years of our country's history, and cheer the demise of miscre ants who were a blight on society."



method of execution



parole board. His plea was refused. Manson was sentenced to death in 1969, but the state's supreme court ruled capital punishment unconstitutional in 1972 and his sentence was changed to life imprisonment

Perot poll scares the White House

President Bush's aides have masked their nervousness about an unexpected challenge, Jamie Dettmer writes

SHORTLY after signing ground-breaking civil rights legislation during his presi-dency. Lyndon Johnson turned to an aide and said: "I think we just delivered the South to the Republicans for

a long time to come."
He was right. In the last 24 years only Jimmy Carter has managed to break the Republican hold in presidential elections on the old Confederate

The White House has shrugged off suggestions that anything will be different in though the Democrat challenger is almost certain to be a Southern governor, Bill Clinton. President Bush's aides insist that the Grand Old Party's grip on the Southern states will not weaken. But their confidence in the last 24 hours has masked a nervousness about a challenge they never expected.

On Tuesday, the wild card candidacy of Texan billionaire H. Ross Perot caused a few White House hearts to miss a beat when an opinion poll suggested that the maver-ick entrepreneur would beat Mr Bush, as well as Mr Clinton, in Texas, the state the president likes to call home.

With 32 votes in the electoral college, the Lone Star state controls more than 10 per cent of the 270 votes needed to win the presidency. For the last three presidential elec-tions it has been the focus of Republican efforts to win the South. Since the poll, a posse of guns has been unleashed on Mr Perot, who says he will run if his supporters get his

name down on the bellot in every state of the union. "I don't think it's surprising that he shows up in early polls as having a good degree of sup-port," said Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman.

"If elections were held in April, Michael Dukakis would be president," joked George W. Bush, the president's son, in a reference to his father's Democrat chal-lenger in 1988. But within the nonchalance there was a hard message. "This is his honeymoon and we'll let him Sauce War Pile

Mr Bush, who was born in New England, has adopted Texas as his home state. He moved to Texas after the second world war and made his fortune in the oil business there. Despite ridicule in some quarters, the president likes to hark on about his Lone Star state identity. A defeat in Texas would be personally humiliating.

The Texas poll is further evidence that Mr Perot's populist, "let's clean up Washington" campaign is still riding high on the wave of national discontent with traditional

Few now doubt that he will run. He has employed a New York pollster and has secured the services of his closest business associate and friend, the lawyer Tom Luce, as an unofficial campaign manager. • Duke withdraws: David

Duke, the one-time Ku Klux Klan leader, announced yes-terday that he was quitting the presidential race and giving up his challenge for the Republican nomination.

Peru promised swift return to democracy

FROM CORINNE SCHMIDT IN LIMA

PRESIDENT Fujimori has promised to return Peru to democracy "in less than 12 months" after widespread international censure and internal threats to his government. He announced a timetable for reforms and a return to democracy while an Organisation of American States mis-

ation of American States mission was visiting Peru.

The mission, headed by João Baena Soares, the OAS secretary-general, is charged with promoting democratic dialogue in Peru and reporting back to the OAS. The president said his objective had never been to de-

stroy democracy, but to make it function bener. He an-nounced a plebiscite to ap-prove his reform programme on July 5. On August 31 the government will submit proposed constitutional reforms

to a national debate.

On November 8, when municipal and regional elections are already scheduled, the country will also vote on the country will be also will be a second with the country will be a second with the countr constitutional reform. Parlia-mentary elections will be held on February 28, 1993, and the new parliament installed on April 5, one year after Senor Fujimori shut down parliament and the judiciary.

Democrats in South Africa to soldier on

FROM GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa's liberal Democratic party is resolved to pursue an independent line in post-apartheid politics, despite the defection of five of its senior members to the African National Congress.

The party is expected to close ranks behind its leaders at a parliamentary caucus today by reaffirming its credo as a moderate, centrist group between the ANC and the ruling National party. Party officials said there would be no formal expulsion of the rebels since they had effect-ively terminated their membership by joining another political organisation without the consent of the party's nat-ional council. James Selfe, the communications director. said: "They are no longer members of the Democratic party, so there is no need for us to expel them."

The defections were the most serious blow to the party since the Nationalists hijacked its policies by disman-tling apartheid, but its leaders were not unduly per-turbed. Peter Soal, the chairman for the southern Transvaal, said the party had breathed a collective sigh of relief at the departure of the dissidents. Anyone else who felt unhappy about endorsing an independent approach should "get out now so the rest of us can pursue the liberal, democratic values we were elected to promote".

Mr Selfe rejected suggestions that the Democrats were a spent force, saying the party's membership had in-creased by 12 per cent in the past year, principally among non-white communities. "We intend to remain independent, and to recruit members in a competitive, but not destructive, relationship with the ANC. Any suggestion that we might snuggle up to the Nats is, on the record, bollocks," he said.

The party's philosophy remains as it was when it was set out by Zach de Beer, its leader, last year: "I am cer-tainly not inclined to leave democracy in the hands of only the Nats and the ANC ... We can build bridges. We can be honest mediators. These services are needed as never before," he said then.

Striking French dockers shut ports

Paris: Dockers went on strike at nine French ports yesterday to protest against government plans to reform work practices, union sources said. Anticipating a strike call by the communist-led CGT union, they blocked access to the ports of Marseilles and Bordeaux on Tuesday night. The stoppage spread to seven other ports, including Bay-

onne, Nantes, Brest and Rou-

en. Dockers in Le Havre said

they would begin their strike

Army leaves

today. (Reuter)

Hong Kong: British troops have handed control of the border with China to the local police 25 years after being called to the frontier after an incursion by Chinese forces. The British Army is winding down its duties here ahead of 1997. (Reuter)

Shots fired

Prague: Police fired warning shots to disperse drunken German fans in Prague before their national team played Czechoslovakia in a football friendly. Twenty-seven people were deported to Germany, with more expected to go later. (Reuter)

Visit planned

Seoul: Hans Blix, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, will visit Pyong-yang and inspect North Korea's Yongbyon nuclear facilities next month at the invitation of the government. South Korea's national news agency said. (AFP)

Poll date set

Suva: Fiji's first election since the 1987 military coup will be held from May 23 to 30. Qoroniasi Bale, the elections chairman, said. An interim government under Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, the prime minister, has ruled since the coup. (Reuter)

Stunt opposed

Harare: Zimbabwe's national parks department has protested to its Zambian counterpart over proposals to allow bunjee jumping from the 270ft high Victoria Falls bridge, considering it not to be a fitting activity to take place at a world heritage site.



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Politicians keep lovers on tight leash during American election campaign

Shakespeare would have called them a pair of Democrat, she a Republican. For some members in their parties their romance is ill-fated, even alarming. She denies she is under orders to stop seeing him but admits politics has got in the way, "there are days when I want to rip his face off", and their relationship is on hold, until the presidential election is over.

Fear and Loving on the Campaign Trail '92 would be an apt title for the romance between James Carille, Bill Clinton's chief strategist, and Mary Matalin, the political director of President Bush's re-election campaign. The dangerous liaison between two of America's toughest political operators has been going on for months. Mr Carville, a high-spirited Cajun, enjoys teasing his Republican opponents by hinting, with an accompanying big smirk, that the romance is still very active. Mr Carville, whose nickThe romance between the Democrat and Republican campaign directors has spread alarm in both their parties, Jamie Dettmer writes

name is the Ragin' Cajun, has a reputation as a lady's man and as a confirmed bachelor. At 47, his lifestyle is more akin to a college student's. His relationship with Ms Matalin, 38, started in Januray last year and immediately provoked comment. The Washington Post claimed last December that senior Republicans, fearing security breaches, asked Ms Matalin to keep her distance from Mr Carville for the duration of the election campaign.

Republican men should worry in another way about the relationship be-tween Mr Carville and Ms Matalin. It is just the most prominent in what The New York Times calls an "epidemic of cross-dating". Nine times out of ten these bipartisan relationships in-

volve Democrat men stepping out with Republican

This tendency goes all the way to the top. Dorothy Bush LeBlond, President Bush's daughter, is engaged to an aide employed by Richard Gephardt, the Democrat congressman who sought his party's presidential nomination in 1988. Mr Bush has remained calm about the engagement, even describing his daughter's fiancée as a "good golfer", one of Mr Bush's highest forms of

In all, there are over a dozen significant bipartisan relationships. While Torie Clark, the Bush campaign's press secretary, puts the bipartisan cross-dating down to the fact that "there is a dearth of Republican men you'd want to

date", others see it as proof of how the hierarchies of both parties are in bed with each other. Pat Caddell, a political consultant to Jerry Brown, said it shows that there is only really one par-ty in the United States, the incumbency party.

Robert Squier, the Re-publican media consultant, thinks it is all a matter of Democrats desperate after losing three successive presidential races. "If you can't win it you marry it." Other explanations in-clude the idea that the

Democrats are trying to replenish their gene pool and produce a candidate who Ms Clarke, who is en-

gaged to a Democrat, said she had received a mixture of "good-natured" ribbing and unfriendly anonymous telephone calls since making her comments about Republican men. Marlin Fitzwater, the White House press secretary, complained to reporters that, Torie took a shot at my

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They left in a hurry

Peter Millar on the final days of notorious despots

ver since Shakespeare made the muchmaligned Richard III cry "A horse, a horse, my kingdom for a horse!" at the Battle of Bosworth Field, tyrants have been welladvised to pay attention to transport arrange-

ments in case the going gets rough.

So it is not a new problem that faces
Afghanistan's president Najibullah now that he has been formally denied sanctuary in neighbouring Pakistan from the rebel mujahideen, who seem at last to have victory in their sights. The key to longevity among despots is the knack of flaring one's political nostrils sufficiently to sniff the wind of change and do a bunk in time. One who famously bungled the attempt was France's Louis XVI. Having weathered the storming of the Bastille in 1789, he astutely realised that things would get worse before they got better, and in the summer of 1791 decided a protracted foreign holiday with the wife and children might not be a bad idea. Unfortunately his subjects got the right end of the stick and hauled him ignominiously back to Paris. Nine-

teen months later he was guillotined.

His distant relative Louis Philippe fared somewhat better. Despite having come to the throne in 1830 in the aftermath of a revolution, he failed to predict the turbulent events of 1848. He managed, however, to flee across the channel to spend his last two years in a country house, from which he corresponded with Victoria.

ot all rulers who make it to exile have such comfortable ends. The Shah of Iran, who fled as the revolution of 1979 made the Peacock Throne look decidedly shaky, died in exile in Egypt a year later, feeling betrayed by those he had thought his allies in the United States. Another American protegė, Ferdinand Marcos, was whisked away from Manila in 1986-in a US military helicopter. But he too complained of betrayal right up to his death in relatively comfortable exile in Hawaii in 1989.

Jean-Claude Duvalier, Haid's "Baby Doc",

managed to escape the popular revolution that swept his island dictatorship in 1986. France accorded him sanctuary, and he took with him enough wealth to continue to live in considerable style. I last saw him some years ago strolling in a pink dressing gown across an immaculately cut lawn at a villa on the Cote d'Azur.

The French also provided a temporary home for Jean-Bedel Bokassa, the former soldier who idolized Napoleon to the extent of dressing up like him for a coronation service when he styled himself Central African Emperor. Despite battering people to death, Bokassa refused to believe he was unpopular even when he was deposed. After eight years in a small chateau on the outskirts of Paris, he decided in 1987 to return to his fly-blown capital, Bangui, where he was promptly arrested and sentenced to death, later commuted to life imprisonment.

Ethiopia's former communist dictator Halle Mengistu, ousted last year, escaped to Zimbabwe, where he has been seen trying to solicit money. Africa's other monster, Idi Amin, did consider a return bid for power in 1989 after ten years exile in Saudi Arabia. He got as far as Zaire before he had second thoughts. He was last spotted back in Jeddah, popping out of a hotel to buy a copy of Boxing Illustrated

falled to identify the Impending revolution of 1989, but refused to acknowledge it had happened when it did. Stabbed in the back by his own colleagues in a vain attempt to hang on to their positions, he was undergoing treatment for cancer in a Russian military hospital when the country collapsed around him.

Honecker was spirited to Moscow, but the flood-tide of democracy came after him and with it a demand for extradition. He now squats in the Chilean embassy in the hope of being allowed to emigrate there to join his daughter. But Boris Yeltsin, reluctant to risk the displeasure of his biggest Western trading partner, will not let him leave. Extradition remains a possibility.

Undoubtedly for the nations that oust them, the best ex-dictator is a dead one: a rule proved by the Romanians. The bloody wall where Nicolae and Elena Ceausescu were shot by firing squad is high on Bucharest's list of macabre sights.

The best policy for any despot is to keep an ear to the ground, the engine running and a map in the glove compartment.

A sure the UN's Rio conference on environment and development approaches, word-processors everywhere are being switched into apocalyptic mode. Yesterday the Prince of Wales delivered a speech in London full of that the forecasts of doom have Assistant Samuel Company of the prince of Wales delivered a speech in London full of the processors of the prince of Wales delivered a speech in London full of the process of the proce The world's ills cannot be blamed on rapid population growth in poor countries, argues Nigel Hawkes

warnings of the horrors that lie ahead if the world cannot control its greed and its fecundity. Largely as a result of pressure from America. Britain and other developed countries, population has found a place on the agenda

Population growth has long had the capacity to alarm the powerful. From Victorian writers gazing in disgust at the teeming cities of Britain to today's environmentalists warning of the collapse of civilisation, there is an unbroken line. The evidence is, however, that the catastrophes so often forecast

never quite come to pass. Perhaps this is no more than luck, but two centuries after the Reverend Thomas Malthus published his Essay on Population, we should surely have enough experience to know whether or not he was right. The modern Malthusians argue

the phrase "don't kick a man when he's down", Madeod said "What nonsense

- that's the very best time to kick him." Come; let me add a

bruise or two to the Labour

party's shins. You would think that a fourth

consecutive defeat would be followed by a pause for heart-

searching, for a long sojourn at a political health-farm, for a few

months in which every pulse would be less feverish than the last, "And each slow dusk a

drawing-down of blinds". In-stead of which, the Labour party

has flung itself into a mad rush

to see who can make off with the

coffin-handles, who can be first to piddle on the grave, and who has remembered to bring a chisel, the better to vandalise the

It took only four days - fouruntil the uproar broke out and the party of brotherly love had

split into factions all cursing the

split into factions all cursing the others for losing the election, all insisting that they alone can save the day, all prepared to double-cross any or all of the others, in the noble, pure, self-less, humble rush to get a place on the leather of the front

Opposition bench.

been merely postponed, not disproved, by the ability of science to increase food production and invent new materials. There is, however, another

way of looking at the facts. Far from spiralling out of control, the evidence now is that virtually everywhere in the world, tertility rates are falling. The growth rate of population has peaked, although growth itself will continue for another century or so. In Bangladesh, fertility rates have fallen from seven children per woman to less than five: in Brazil, from six to less than three. The chances are that world

population will level off at about 12 billion people a century from now, against today's 5.2 billion. The question is whether this will prove unmanageably large. Those who proclaim popula-tion crises forget that with

the UN. Goran Ohlin, recently. "It is not the present generation that will support future generations; they will have to do that themselves. The question is whether they will find it harder if

the total popula-

tion is larger, or

every mouth there are two arms, the 1960s, upon starvation; two legs and a brain, wrote an and now it is upon environ-

perhaps easier, as has for the most part been the case in the Ohlin traces the history of the neo-Malthusian view since the 1950s, a period during which the argument has shifted several times. In the 1950s the anxiety focused upon the inevit-able shortage of capital; in



Matthus his forecast of doorn is not proven

this third argument will finally prove that the neo-Malthusians are right, although Dr Ohlin (who is a professor of econ-omics at Uppsala University) clearly doubts it. Yesterday, Prince Charles

declared that he could not "in all logic, see how any society can hope to improve its lot when population growth

exceeds economic growth". In the long term, he must be right; but the explosive growth of pop-ulation so deplored by 19th-cen-tury writers coincided with Britain's industrial revolution. The population of the United States grew faster in the 19th century than those of most of the develday. When we look with horror at the Third World multitudes. we forget our own history. Populations grow as a result of

changing circumstances. In the present case, the cause is the dramatic decline in infant mortality. It takes a generation or two for parents to realise that they no longer need to have seven children for two to survive. but they do eventually get the message. Meanwhile there is a bulge of population, the effects of which are difficult to predict. Economic analyses of the im-

pact of population growth do not, however, all agree that these effects are invariably malign. A revisionist school of thought has that the effects depend on how well a variety of adjustment mechanisms operate — mechanisms such as the markets for capital, labour and raw materials. When these function well, as they generally do in developed

countries, they can offset the negative effects of population growth and even produce a net economic gain. What the revisionists cannot prove is that these mechanisms will do the same for the poor countries as they have for the rich.

More important than sheer numbers is the technology employed. There seems little prospect, for example, that the world could support 12 billion people using the most wasteful of Western technologies. We probably cannot stop population growth much short of that number, so there is every inducement to look for technologies that will support that many people without destroying the earth in the process. The capacity for rapid technological change is often underrated, so there are reasons for thinking this can be achieved.

Meanwhile, we should be careful not to jeopardise sensible agreements at Rio by implying that the problems could be solved if only the poor would start behaving themselves. Western profligacy is a greater threat to the planet than the

Nothing to lose but its chains

Bernard Levin offers Labour some useful hints for electoral success on the nationalisation of the



Fight and fight again: Hugh Gaitskell in 1960 took on the unilateralists. Who will dare cut loose from the unions?

But it is worse than that. The rules of the Labour party's and venal, but they are intelligible; if there is a new leader to be elected, or an incumbent to be challenged, there are recognised procedures. In other words, there was no need to start the machinery, let alone throw spanners into it. Kinnock could have resigned, pledging himself to be a faithful caretaker until the conference, giving the party a breathing-space in which to gather ideas and opinions for the future, not to say the past.

Instead, the Gadareners prefer, it seems, a special conference, timed to ensure the great-est quantity of hatred, ridicule and contempt. By not making sure that the succession would be settled in the autumn, Kinnock has done his party one

So far so bad; but it is worse "votes") are reserved for the damus; but all will agree that grandmothers if it would help us most of the money for the Lab-our Party, and the money in Tories in drawing attention to the absence of the union leaders question comes from the memfrom the Labour campaign; from start to end they could not be seen, heard, felt, tasted or bers, so it is only right that the members have a say. Do we look forward, then, to the millions of unionists casting their votes for smelt, and that covered not only the Scargills and Knapps and their like, guaranteed to shift a this or that contender and seeing those votes helping to million voters every time they opened their mouths (mind you. choose Smith or Gould or Beck-Lord McAlpine would have shifett or Prescott (no. dear, it won't ted most of them back again), but even the most moderate and be Kaufman, i assure you)? Well, no, actually. It is unlike-

ly that any of the unions, let sensible ones like Edmonds and alone all of them, will hold a ballot to ascertain their mem-Jordan and even Lyons. It worked astonishingly well; with the union leaders hidden in bers' wishes. A much better idea, the Mendip caves, the public did largely forget them. But what happens now? The public is very the union leaders think, is for them to interpret their members' wishes. Some will do this firmly reminded that for a leadwith an ouija-board, some with ership election, 40 per cent of the entrails of a chicken, some the votes (or, as we shall see, with the prophecies of Nostra-

be carried out by them, just in case the members should choose the wrong candidate.

But it is yet worse still. On polling day, the results were nowhere near complete — it was almost certain that Labour could not win, but not that the Tories were going to - when Labour figures began to praise the idea of proportional representation, though many of them had no idea what it meant, and several would have been hard put to it to spell the thing, even in its abbreviated form. Opportunism is not uncommon in pol-tics, but the avalanche of it could hardly have been more gross if they had all taken off their trousers and painted on . their bottoms "Yes, yes, we are perfectly willing to boil our goes for our aunties as well." Make a pact with Paddy Ash-

down? They would make a pact with the devil and his dam, and throw in Ivan the Terrible, Vlad the Impaler. Pontlus Pilate and even Peter Hain, whose solution is that Labour should be "more positive in campaigning for

socialist policies".

The reality is more blunt.
Labour must die to be reborn. Many years ago, at Labour's annual conference, I heard Hugh Gaitskell dismiss the suggestion (it had been mooted) of changing the party's name. Now, that is the least the party can do. Andy Capp (who anyway votes Tory) must go with the name. So must the very thought of the party as an organisation for "the workers by hand or

means of production, distribution and exchange, and I dare say Mr Hain might like to.

The truth is that although there are poor in modern Britain, there are not enough poor to go round, and if a party puts itself forward as the champion of the unfortunate underclass. as Labour always has done, it will die from a lack of customers. Nor does the problem end there; Mrs Thatcher taught millions to before, and she did it largely by destroying the unions' power — the only power the unions had, which was to keep their mem-bers poor. It follows that Labour must, with however much pain. break the connection between the party and its paymasters. (That will be the biggest wrench. if only because the party is to all intents bankrupt.)

hose are only the first steps, and it must be obvious that Labour cannot, without help. make such changes and thus hope to become electable. The Lib Dems had a bad showing. and it will get worse the longer they go on whining that with PR they would have had at least 937 seats. If Ashdown is thinking of a pact for the next election, with selected constituencies obedient-Labour, while Labour has a clear run in other seats, he might as well hang himself now, rather than walt for the results of the autumn election of 1996.

The only hope he has is the only hope that Labour has: no pact, no carve-up, no opportunism instantly recognised as such by the voters, but a single party with a new name (Reform? Modern? People's? National?) and a set of principles and policies that take into account the fact that by then the median family income will be around £40,000 adjusted for inflation.

It won't happen, of course, and nice Mr Major will grow gracefully old as he wins election after election. Which means that Heseltine will never be prime



...and moreover CRAIG BROWN

'have been sent a letter L television programmes to be included in a new series called "TV Hell". Purporting to be the reverse of Channel 4's
"TV Heaven", "TV Hell" will,
the producer promises, feature
all the most dreadful scenes
from all the worst television programmes ever screened.
What should I nominate? My

first surprise was quite how few television programmes, good, bad or indifferent, I can rememdium unique in its ability to bypass memory. If, at the most absurdly high-minded estimate, I have watched an hour and a half of television every day since the age of five, then by now, coming up to the age of 35. I must have watched TV for nearly two solid years, of which my memory has retained a grip on. at most, two or three days.

I can, or course, remember a rich variety of seminal television characters — from Richard Greene to Christopher Trace and from Mr Pastry to Sir Robin Day - but recalling individual programmes is well-nigh impossible. Small wonder that the most regular question workers ask one another every morning is. "See anything on telly last night?" The question "See anything on telly the night before last?" would be so taxing that factories and offices the world over would grind to a halt as workers wrestled with their memories. The huge audience figures for repeats bears out this thesis. The television companies little gem—my wife": one or two

might argue that they are watched either by people who didn't catch them the first (or second or third) time, or else by people who want to see them again. But everyone knows the truth: repeats are watched by people who have completely forgotten that they have already seen them twice before.

The profiles of Terry Waite on his return from Beirut served as further proof of the transience of the television memory. Of all the endless accounts of his life. not one of them mentioned that he had once had his own networked chat-show on which he interviewed, among others. the Princess Royal. Though millions must have watched these seems to remember them. The number of individual pro-

grammes I can line up in my mind for the final selection for "TV Hell" is very small, consisting largely of old episodes of the long-running ATV serial Cross-roads, Southern TV's women-chatting-in-a-kitchen afternoon programme Houseparty and The Golden Shot under the illfated stewardship of Norman Vaughan. I also find myself wanting to see a short series from c.1971 which was called something like 'This is Tony Blackburn"; a few episodes of Police Five; the episode of Sale of the Century in which a contestant from Woking, forced to choose either a diamond or a caravan as his prize, chose, with

of the more excruciating dance: by Pan's People on Top of the Pops and perhaps an episode of Compact, the short-running soap set on a women's maga-zine, starring Ronald Allen, who was later to make his mark as the svelte David Hunter on the aforementioned Crossroads. Oh yes, an afternoon of old Com-

pacts would be heaven indeed!
And there's the rub. The programmes I have selected for my "TV Hell" could as easily form the main body of my "TV Heaven", and vice versa. The more I think about all these awful programmes, the more I realise that they are the ones to which I am most drawn. I am not a lover of kitsch in other media: I would no sooner reread the worst novel ever written (Mantissa by John Fowles) than re-watch the worst movie ever filmed (Makier by Ken Russeil) or eat the worst dish ever cooked (cold tongue). I think only pop music provides such a union be-"Johnny Reggae" by The Piglets, "D-I-V-O-R-C-E" by Tammy Wynette, "Ruby, Don't Take Your Love To Town" by Kenny Rogers and the First Edition and "Honey" by Bobby Goldsboro are, to my mind, equally heavenly and hellish. I now think that they might be better off producing a new series in which distracted souls like myself could wrestle with the problem of what was good and what was bad in our television lives. All the signs suggest that "TV Purgatory" would attract a record number of TV sinners.

Thorny question

THE war of the roses erupted anew last night as English patriots, marking the eve of St George's Day, attempted to reclaim the red rose from the Labour party.

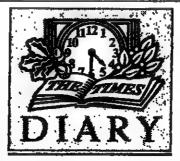
The Royal Society of St George (patron, the Queen; president Sir Colin Cole, Garter King of Arms) says that Labour's second snub at the hands of the electorate since it replaced the red flag with the red rose in 1985 means the party must now relinquish all claims to the crimson bloom. Lord lieutenants and other representatives of the great and the good, including



Lord Nelson of Trafalgar showed the way with a red rose banquet at

"Neil Kinnock has lost the confidence of the people, and so he has lost the right to the rose," says John Minshull-Fogg of the Royal Society. "The flower is no longer representative of left-wing politics. The rose should be reinstated as our national emblem and shorn of its political overtones."

The society, which has a mem-bership of 150,000 from London to Lesotho and Bournemouth to



Borneo, has mailed its members asking that today, the rose should be sported with renewed pride. Yet Walworth Road shows no signs of giving in. "The red rose is not Neil Kinnock's personal emblem. There is no reason to suggest we will give it up now," insists a spokesman. "It is not the preserve of any particular group." Quite.

Romanov sum

THE DEATH of Grand Duke Vladimir has reopened the question of who is the legitimate head of the Romanovs, the Russian Imperial family whose leaders pershed under Lenin 75 years ago.

While most outside the family have always accepted that Vladimir Kirillovich, 74, was the heir, his death has revived rival claims among many of the 29 other surviving Romanovs. Most observers had assumed

that Vladimir's 38-year-old daughter Maria, an Oxford student now living in Madrid, would succeed to the title, but the rest of the family have different ideas. Under Imperial Russian law, they point out, a claimant to the throne can only marry a foreign princess who has not previously been married. Vladimir married a divorcet when he wedded Maria's mother. Leonida, in 1948. The alternative candidate is Prince Nicholas Romanov, 71, who lives in Rome and mjoys the support of most other about America, Canada, England, Australia, Denmark, France, Switzerland and Uruguay.

• Legalisation of brothels, cur-rently under debate in the Moth-ers Union, is an idea with considerable support in the treasurer's department in Dublin city hall. The corporation was last week thwarted in its efforts to claim six years unpaid commercial rates from a convicted brothel-keeper. Her solicitor argued that as brothels were illegal, the city was "disentitled" to extract rates from the premises on "both legal and moral grounds".

Beauty bulldozed

MICHAEL HOWARD, settling into his new job at the Department of the Environment, will shortly be hearing from old friends. A "re-member us" letter is winging its way from the members of the Twyford Down Association, the group protesting against plans to cut part of the M3 through a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in Hampshire. How-ard is an old ally of the protestors, having represented the group when he was a barrister at the first public enquiry back in 1976.

The connection has raised a final flicker of hope among protest-ors. Barbara Bryant, vice-chairman of the association, says: "Some of us remember Mr Howard outlining a very persuasive case on our behalf in the first few days of the Winchester enquiry. We shall certainly be asking him if

there is anything he can do."

But the battle is all but lost. Preliminary work on the new road has already started, and Howard seems unlikely to use his new pos-ition to intervene. A DoE spokes-

woman says: "He's a barrister. Taking the case was his job. The road is now a matter for the Department of Transport."

The association has less chance than ever of finding a sympathetic ear there. Christopher Chope, the roads minister who lost his seat two weeks ago, is threatening legal action against the association over leasters it distributed in his marginal Southampton Itchen constituency during the election. But the eternal optimists detect a further glimmer of hope. Kenneth Car-lisle, the new roads minister lists his interests as botany, walking and history. "Preserving the down would allow him to revel in all three," says Bryant, more in hope than expectation.

Orwell with a bang

AMONG those commemorating the 60th anniversary of the arrival of Eric Blair as a teacher in Hayes, Middlesex, yesterday, was not only Michael Foot but a former pupil with particular reason to remember the man who began his writing career at the Hawthorns High School, now the Fountain House Hotel. It was while a master at the school that Blair adopted the name George Orwell.

While Foot confined himself to insisting that Orwell would have been horrfied at the election results, Geoffrey Stevens, who as a 12-year-old was a pupil of Orwell, had other memories. Stevens, now aged 72, remembers Blair as a strict disciplinarian who gave him his only caning, incurred for prod-ding another boy in class. "I had the bruises for well over a week."

But Stevens, one of just 14 boys at the private school at the time, remembers another side of Blair. He showed me how to collect methane gas from a stagnant pond and set fire to the container. He was always one for experiments."

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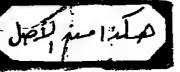
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NOT A CASE FOR MI5

No branch of modern government can so blind an inexperienced minister as the secret services. Hence John Major and his new home secretary, Kenneth Clarke, should be sceptical of the advice that primary responsibility for mainland anti-terrorism work should be transferred from the civilian police to MI5. On security matters, "something must be done" is bad counsel. That is all that the case for reshuffling the anti-IRA portfolio appears to mean. The future role, or lack of role, for the domestic and overseas intelligence services now that the Cold war is over is a completely different matter.

The old question is the best: what does the enemy most want to achieve? In the renewal of the mainland bombing campaign, the IRA wants to throw British security into disarray, sow confusion between its different agencies and demoralise the public. The least prudent response is thus to be panicked into measures which exaggerate the IRA's. true threat or mis-state its character. It is not a military challenge on the battlefield; it is not aimed at undermining the state, causing anarchy or inciting disloyalty. The mainland campaign is to cause criminal damage and murder. Though the results may be tragic, the hazard to life and property represented by the IRA is infinitesimal. The proper response is for the police to track down those responsible and bring them to trial, as with any other criminal. That work has nothing to do with military intelligence and to imply otherwise is needlessly to glorify the IRA.

The internal Metropolitan Police document which has been leaked to The Irish. Times appears superficially to add to the case for a transfer of anti-terrorist work to MI5. It records the view of senior London police officers in December that there was "little" intelligence available to them about the perpetrators of arson attacks on shops in Manchester and Blackpool, attributed to the IRA. There is no reason to think that the involvement of MI5 would improve matters. Senior police officers are hinting that the leak, more an embarrassment than a security breach, might be linked to MI5's current bid to take over some Special Branch functions.

At present counter-terrorist intelligence is collected by the local police on the spot and passed to the Special Branch at Scotland Yard which plays a national co-ordinating role. After analysis, the intelligence is passed out to be acted on by the relevant local police forces. MI5 is obviously not going to be able to replace the police in the first and final steps in that process, nor can it replace the work of a local police force in responding to and investigating a specific IRA incident.

One assumption is that MI5 might be more effective in infiltrating IRA "active service units"; as these gangs are too grandiloquently named. Police undercover work, both in Britain and in Ireland, does not have a high reputation among intelligence professionals. IRA units operating in Britain have proved largely resistant to any infiltration. Where infiltration has succeeded, conflicts of command and control between MI5 and the police can anyway have tragic results, as witnessed recently in Belfast. On the mainland, IRA gangs are designed on the sleeper system to minimise

the risk of internal betrayal.

The only role for MI5 would be to substitute itself for Scotland Yard's central co-ordinating responsibility, and perhaps to be given the right, as MI5 appears to be hoping, to take operational charge of police work as and when it wishes. But in intelligence co-ordination and in joint operations, everybody needs to act together, best achieved where policemen are working with fellow policemen.

For all the flaws made evident in recent highly publicised miscarriages of justice, civilian policemen share a common code of practice and procedures for accountability. They do not expect to act above the law and when they do, the courts bring them to account. The Police Complaints Authority frequently uses one force to investigate another. Policemen have an increasingly sophisticated view of their relations with the community. They have clearly stated legal rights and duties, including the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, all of whose provisions ought to be extended to the investiga-

tion of alleged terrorist offences.
Britain's counter-terrorist legislation, the Prevention of Terrorism Act, is already draconian and illiberal. On top of it has been piled an edifice of costly hyper-security which does little but boost the ego of the terrorist. The IRA threat neither needs nor deserves such a response.

AP. 23 THE NEW PARIAH

The Serbian offensive in Bosnia-Herzegovina is nothing less than the invasion of an independent country. The bandit groups now shooting their way into Sarajevo are openly backed by the federal army. Whatever the denials in Belgrade, there is ample evidence that the Serbian government of Slobodan Milosevic is giving tacit support to the irregulars in Bosnia, and is doing nothing to restrain the gunmen from attacking Muslim and Croat targets.

The pattern of Serbian expansionism in Croatia is being repeated on a potentially far bloodier scale. The European Community and the United States have recognised Bosnian independence. Both have repeatedly warned Belgrade of their growing disquiet over Serbian actions. These warnings must now be translated into something more immediate and tangible. They should withdraw recognition of Yugoslavia.

Such a move would hurt Serbia, politically and psychologically. It would invalidate Serbia's claim to be the successor state of the Yugoslav federation, putting into question continued membership of the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund and the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe. The Americans, after keeping their distance from the Yugoslav imbroglio. are now determined to halt what they see as Serbia's flouting of world opinion and international norms of behaviour. Their terse message conveyed to Mr Milosevic by Raiph Johnson, the State Department envoy, and their threat to make Serbia an "international pariah", are altogether more clear-cut than the floundering EC peace initiative. They lend weight to today's visit to Yugoslavia by Lord Carrington, who will also express the Community's exasperation at the escalation of fighting.

Until now withdrawal of recognition was tempered by the need for Yugoslav acquies-

cence in United Nations resolutions and CSCE votes. These restraints no longer apply. The UN now has its mandate, and despite lingering attachment to Yugoslavia among pon-aligned countries, there is little support for Serbia as the legally constituted rump. The CSCE now has a consensusminus-one formula which will enable it to ignore Yugoslav objections, making the threat of expulsion at next week's Helsinki discussions feasible.

The main objection, however, is that Serbia remains stubbornly immune to threats. The country's inflation rate is approaching 30,000 per cent, yet the government retains popular support. Nei-ther the suspension of aid by the Group of 24 nations nor the threat of expulsion from the IMF will have any short-term effect, as Yugoslavia has already been cut off from almost all international aid. Serbs feel isolated and persecuted, and blunt threats may simply rally the population around the government. Pressure needs to be directed if possible at Mr Milosevic and the army, which remains the only potential body to enforce a ceasefire in Bosnia. Despite a hard core of Serbian nationalists, some army leaders see they have nothing to gain from backing the Serbian irregulars. They know that if the federal state of Yugoslavia is no longer recognised, the army's position becomes anomalous. Will Serbia pay their pensions?

The EC has few levers of pressure. America, because of its size, weight and post-Gulf influence, can do much more. Lord Carrington will tell Serbia that he is also sending the same warning to some hardliners in Croatia about meddling in Bosnia. Belgrade should cease its lies about non-involvement, heed his warnings and throw its efforts behind a ceasefire in Bosnia. The last country America branded an international pariah was Iraq.

SEX FOR SALE

Legislation on prostitution may reduce it but will never stop it. Like abortion, it will simply go underground. The questions are what laws will best protect the public from nuisance, women from exploitation and the community from diseases spread by prostitution.

Under the 1956 Sexual Offences Act, a prostitute is only committing an offence if she publicly solicits for clients or works in partnership with another woman. Keeping a brothel and living off "immoral earnings" are illegal. So though a prostitute may want to protect herself from the violence that plagues her profession, she cannot team up with others to seek protection.

To propose legalisation of brothels was once thought dangerously radical. Yet when Lindi St Clair (of the "Corrective party") commissioned a Mori poll, she found that 55 per cent approved of "small and discreet" legal brothels, with only 33 per cent disapproving. Now the Mothers' Union, an impeccable upholder of Christian values and family life, has decided to debate legalisation. The Bishop of Liverpool, chairman of the Church of England's board for social responsibility, has welcomed this debate.

Brothels have been legalised before. The Contagious Diseases Act of 1864 aimed to ensure that clean, healthy prostitutes were available to British servicemen. Police were given powers to arrest, forcibly examine and register any woman whom they had "good

cause to believe" to be a common prostitute. None of these terms was defined, nor were the police required to prove anything. The result was horrific. Many women were hauled off the streets and subjected to brutal examination. A 20-year campaign by the early feminist, Josephine Butler, finally forced the act's repeal.

Even today, feminists are split over legalisation. Like Butler many believe that prostitution degrades not just the prostitute but all women. Others retort pragmatically that if prostitution has to exist, better that it take place safely and hygienically.

They have a strong case. If brothels were made legal, prostitutes would be better protected. The owners would be able to provide insurance, hire security guards and offer health checks. The danger of catching the HIV virus can never be eliminated. It can hirk undetected for up to three months after it has been contracted. But the risk can at least be lessened by regular tests. Meanwhile, prostitutes and brothels would have to pay

tax like any other business. The problem remains of how to minimise the disturbance legalised brothels can cause to the rest of society. Other countries have set up zones, away from residential areas, in which brothels are allowed to operate. That would remove prostitutes from the street where the public most objects to them - and end the nuisance of kerb-crawling too. The Mothers' Union would surely approve.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Precedents on choice of Speaker

From Lord Jenkins of Hillhead Sir. Much of the discussion about the new Speaker of the House of Commons seems to me to be conducted on an assumption which is only half true. The traditional position, it is suggested, is that a governing party elects from its own ranks and that governments therefore have one of their own supporters (even if one who tries to become impartial) in the

The former assumption is accurate, the latter almost the reverse of the truth. This is because of two changes: I. Governments used to have a strong tendency to alternate. Speakers used to resign before and not at the end of a parliament.
 Thus Speaker Brand, a Liberal,

was elected within two years of the 1874 general election and presided over the House during the six years of the main Dismeli government. Speaker Peel (Liberal) was elected in the penultimate year of the second Gladstone government and presided over the House for six years of Salisbury government.

Peel was then replaced by Speaker Gully, a third Liberal, who was elected three months before the 1895 general election, and presided during ten years of Conservative government. He in turn was replaced in the dying days of the Balfour govern-ment by Speaker Lowther (Conser-vative), who presided over ten years of Liberal and six years of coalition government

Then came Speaker Whitley, a Lloyd-George Liberal, whose eight years were mainly Conservative, with nine months of Labour. Speaker Fizzroy (Conservative) was true to form in being elected in the last year of a parliament, but not in having mainly majorities of his own party over which to preside.

Fitzroy died in office, so the date of his replacement by another Conservative. Speaker Clifton Brown, was irrelevant. What was not irrelevant however was that Clifton Brown presided over both parliaments of the Attlee government, but then upset the pattern by remaining Speaker until the 1951 election.

That was much of the reason for a contested election 41 years ago. It was conducted with some bitumness, although complicated by the fact that the Conservatives had a good candidate in Speaker Morrison and the Labour party rather a bad one. But it upset the balance which has not since been wholly restored, and the issue is now further complicated by modern governments' horror of by-elections, even in the seats of retiring Speakers.

The "tradition", however, is far from suggesting that there would be anything inappropriate about a non-Conservative Speaker in this Par-

Yours faithfully, ROY JENKINS, St Amand's House, East Hendred, Oxfordshire. April 22.

Unknown Southland From Mr John Burton

Sir. I should like to request Mr Hans Doeleman (letter, April 11) to give a little more credit to the Iberians for the discovery of the Unknown South-

On Espiritu Santo we do not forget that it was a Portuguese in the service of the Spanish Crown, Pedro Fernandez de Ouiros, who on May 1, 1606, discovered and briefly colonised our island, naming it Tierra Australis del Espiritu Santo.

A great Englishman, James Cook. certainly tidied up the geography later, but all these so-called discoveries post-date our early Melanesian explorers by about 5,000 years anyway.

Yours faithfully JOHN BURTON, Northern District Flospital, Luganville, Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu.

Trappings of English From Mr Bric Adler

Sir, My daughter has begun to teach English to foreign students visiting Britain. She has the difficult job of explaining that apparent opposites in English may sometimes have the same meanings. For example, marriages can break up or down, court cases are sometimes said to be open and shut, financiers can be tied up or tied down. And there are others.

Yours faithfully, Yours faithfully, ERIC ADLER. 36 Baxendale, Whetstone, N20. April 21.

Ackland revival

From Mr John Thaxeer

Sir. Harry Eyres's otherwise excellent review of A Dead Secret. revived by Roger Redfarn at Richmond Theatre (Life & Times, April 15), compounds the myth that the arrival of the angry young men at the Royal Court in 1956 silenced its playwright, Rodney Ackland.

In fact the play, written in 1957 not 1934, was Ackland's second biggest post-war hit. Directed by Frith Banbury, it opened at the Piccadilly in May 1957 and ran for 212 performances with Paul Scoffeld triumphant in the central role.

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Thatcher 'blunderbuss off target' should not exist and the prime

Sir, Your reasoned leading article of today puts Mrs Thatcher's reported remarks on her successor in their proper context. In fact both barrels of the blunderbuss aimed at the prime minister by his predecessor rather missed the mark (report, April

From Lord St John of Fawsley

To declare that Mr John Major is not his own man directly after he has made electoral history by winning a fourth election victory despite the Jeremiads of the pundits and the polls, the wobbles of his own supporters and the inheritance of the poll tax, bust-after-boom, and anti-European chauvinism with which he was burdened, is absurd. If after all that, Mr Major is not his own man, who is?

Of course, no man (or woman) is an island in politics any more than elsewhere and Mr Major is clearly the heir of Mrs Thatcher's wider ownership policy which was crucial in winning the election, just as she in her turn inherited it from Mr Heath and the then Mr Harold Macmillan. Indeed, the very phrase "propertyowning democracy" goes back to the premiership of Sir Anthony Eden. The point of the succession to Mrs

Thatcher was that it put an end to the disproportionate emphasis on one strain of the rich and varied legacy which constitutes the Conservative inheritance namely Gladstonian lib-eralism, and enabled the Conservative party to take advantage of its whole tradition, including that of consensus and community.

The return came just in time. The Conservative party, like the Church of England, is comprehensive or it is nothing. When it seeks to define one part of its tradition, exalting it at the expense of another, disaster threatens. As for "Majorism", it does not and

Art funding

From Mr Frank Hansford Sir, I am sorry to see Richard Cork ("Art sales of the century", April 18) hanging his obsession with state funding of art purchases on Andrew Lloyd Webber's recent purchase of a Canaletto. He says that the Tate's annual £1,815,000 is "derisory", the National Gallery's annual £2,750,000 has been "frozen since 1985", and our great museums have suffered "starva-tion", för which Mr Major's new government must "make amends".

As an unrecognised modern artist I believe Mr Cork would better serve British art by advocating the ending of state purchasing altogether. The Tate, the National Gallery and all our museums are filled to overflowing with "Old Masters" and state funding will only purchase yet more and by so doing encourage people like Mr Lloyd Webber to do the same.

The way to save our heritage of such "Old Masters" is to abolish inheritance tax so that their owners can afford to retain them in this country.

Oasis of peace

From Mr David Baxter

Sir, Richard Beeston's report from Jerusalem (April 17) rightly highlights the sectarian conflict and excessive ornamentation which characterise the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Far from being a place of peace and inspiration, the shrine offers little more than an assault on spiritual sensitivity.
In contrast the Garden Tomb, just

north of the Damascus Gate, is a place of serenity and quiet reverence. It has rightly been described as an

The Times first printed letters on

VAT concession From Mr Alan Bemrose From the Reverend Dr Christopher

Sir. The publicity given to English Heritage's recent "Buildings at risk" survey emphasised the size of the problem for listed buildings. However, English Heritage grants, both welcome and essential, are generally depreciated by having to cover VAT on repairs and professional fees. It is ironic that the government grant-in-aid to English Heritage, from which grants to listed building repairs come, should in part go straight back to government via VAT payments.
Although it seems unclear whether

the new national heritage ministry has any responsibility for the built heritage, surely now, at the start of this period of stable government, is the appropriate time to consider a worthwhile reduction, if not zerorating, in VAT charged on repairs of listed buildings. The loss of VAT would be insignificant and there are similar concessions in many member states of the European Community.

ALAN BEMROSE (Chairman). Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust, 1 Greenhill, Wirksworth, Derbyshire.

It was followed by an even more

successful adaptation of Farewell, Farewell Eugene, which opened at the Garrick in 1959 and completed 282 performances. It's also worth recalling that before

the current revival of interest in Ackland's work, bravely led by Sam Walters at the Orange Tree and by critic Hilary Spurling, he found an enthusiastic admirer in Jane Asher who "rediscovered" his *Before the* Party (first produced in 1949), set about finding it a production and starred in Tom Conti's successful Oxford Playhouse revival, which transferred to the Queen's in 1980.

Yours etc., JOHN THAXTER. 15a Stanley Road, Teddington, Middlesex.

from inventing it. Yours faithfully, St JOHN of FAWSLEY. House of Lords.

minister has done his best to dis-

courage his more zealous supporters

From Mr Cyril Bryan Sir, The prime minister can surely now ask of Mrs Thatcher, "is she one

Yours faithfully, CYRIL BRYAN. 16 Drayton Gardens, SW10.

From Mr Dudley Poplak Sir. As far as I am concerned Majorism is the acceptable face of Thatcherism, Yours faithfully,

D. POPLAK, The Studio, 11 Cheyne Gardens, SW3.

From Mr Frederick W. Peacock Sir, Margaret Thatcher publicly chides her successor, as did Edward Heath before her. Can these occasional displays of sour grapes have anything to do with the personal chagrin experienced by both when rejected by their party?

Redundancy, of course, affects people in many walks of life. Perhaps in the Queen's Speech John Major could propose a counselling agency for all those displaced by Tory policies, ex-prime ministers in-

Yours faithfully, FREDERICK W. PEACOCK, 8 North Jesmond Avenue, Newcastle upon Tyne. April 21.

Art is a vibrant, living, human creation and what is really wanted in British art is for it to escape from its present worshipping of Old Mas-ters". The modern camera can now

reproduce likenesses of human form and landscape better than a human hand, so what an artist needs to do to create real art is something completely different. What is seen by the artist's eye must now be transmuted by theartist's vision and design into something new. Some of us are trying to do just this but whilst Mr Cork only sees a Raphael and a Titlan and other "Old

Masters" painted many centuries ago in his "resplendent collections" and ignores what is currently happening today, however unworthy it may be in comparison, British art will continue to stagnate and our budding young artists given false models.

Yours sincerely, FRANK HANSFORD Alexander Udloff Gallery, 20 St Mary's Meadow, Wingham, Canterbury, Kent.

this subject exactly 100 years ago when the Garden Tomb property was being proposed for purchase. At the time your leader writer (October 8, 1892) rejected the authenticity of

the Garden location. When I visited both sites last November I came away with no doubt as to which could best claim to be the place of Christ's crucifixion. burial and glorious resurrection. The Garden Tomb, free from noise and imagery, offers the visitor a special opportunity to experience the "still, small voice" of the Holy Spirit.

Yours faithfully, DAVID BAXTER. 29 Ebbisham Drive, Norwich, Norfolk.

Social graces

Sir, So Sir Kingsley Amis is persuaded to forgo saying grace at his own birthday party (Diary, April 18). Who are these non-Christians who would be insulted? Are they Muslims and Jews, who also honour the God of Abraham and Moses? Are they secularist pluralists, who proclaim tolerance for all beliefs and who undoubtedly would protest at cultural insensitivity and even racism if Muslims or Jews were prevented from saying grace at an occasion they were hosting?

Were the protesters being inconsistent or were the publishers inaccurate in their understanding of their audience? Perhaps we need a book of etiquette (and justice) on such matters for the Nineties which will help avoid such misplaced intolerance as Sir Kingsley suffered.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER SUGDEN, 112 North Hinksey Lane, Oxford.

Toil and soil

From Mrs Judith R. Oddy

Sir, Question: If one headmaster takes two hours to weed each of four garden beds (letter, April 20), how long would it take 24 children?

Answer: One short lesson in environmental studies. Yours sincerely. JUDITH R. ODDY.

51 Christchurch Avenue, N12. From Mrs Bridget Rose Sir, Mr C. L. Kirch, as acting head of

horticultural studies, should assign the responsibility for weeding his flower beds to his pupils, who would Letters to the editor should carry a

daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number (071) 782 5046.

Business looks to economy's revival

From Sir Allen Sheppard and

Sir. On March 17 you published a letter from us urging that the spirit of enterprise, which was reborn in this country in the 1980s, must not be

The election is over and the political uncertainty has ended. It is now up to all of us in business to show what enterprise can really

If we continue to think and talk in terms of "when the recession ends", we shall succeed only in prolonging it. Instead, we should talk exclusively in terms of "the recovery" - and act

accordingly.

The business community must take the lead in restoring confidence and optimism. With boldness and determination, we can and will make recovery a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Yours faithfully, ALLEN SHEPPARD (Chairman, Grand Metropolinan). ALEX ALEXANDER, JOHN BAIRSTOW (Queens Moat Houses), PETER CATESBY (Valley), ROBERT CLARKE (United Biscuits), JOHN CUCKNEY (Royal Insurance), PETER DAVIS (Reed International) LAN HAY DAVISON (Storehouse), DELFONT (First Leisure), PETER DREW, THOMAS FARMER (Kwikfit). ROCCO FORTE (Forte), MICHAEL FOSTER (Courage), RICHARD GIORDANO (Ex-BOC), ALISTAIR GRANT (Argyli).
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IAN MacLAURIN (Tesco), GEOFFREY MAITLAND-SMITH PATRICK MEANEY (Ranks), NIGEL MOBBS (Slough Estates/Aims of Industry), GEOFF MULCAHY (Kingfisher), JOHN NEILL (Unipart), ERIC PARKER (Trafalgar House), BRIAN H. PEARCE (Pearce Signs). ALAN POND (Oakstead Holdings), ERIC POUNTAIN (Tarmac), NEIL SHAW (Tate & Lyle), GILES SHEPARD (Savoy Hotels), STOCKTON (Macmillan Publishers), ALAN SUGAR (Amstrad), CLIVE THOMPSON (Rearokil) MALCOLM WALKER (Iceland), PETER WALTERS. Grand Metropolitan, 20 St James's Square, SW1

Toujours l'Angleterre From Miss Susan Nelson

Sir, Gillian Tindall ("Toujours l'Angleterre", Weekend Times, April 18) is somewhat optimistic in her assertion that France may legislate to control "foreign" colonisation and ownership. France, along with the other 11 members of the EC, has signed the Maastricht Treaty under which all persons in member states will become citizens of the European

Article 8a(1) of the treaty states: Every citizen of the Union shall have the right to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States...". There is much more in the treaty which will act to erode local colour and regional differences; and the French should not be complacent in the forthcoming referendum necessitated by the Maastricht Treaty's modification of their constitution.

Yours faithfully. SUSAN NELSON, Folly Bridge Workshops. Thames Street, Oxford.

From Mr Andrew McLaughian Sir, Living in the Dordogne for four months of the year, I play not for the Dordogne cricket team referred to by Gillian Tindall but for Eymet Cricket Club. Ten years ago the then new mayor of Eymet, some 20 km south of Bergerac, consulted the few British residents then settled in the neighbourhood on how to attract tourists to the area. They suggested cricket, and English touring teams have been coming over ever since.

Now, with at least six teams in the south of France, the sport is booming. Nor are we as insular as Mrs. Tindall alleges. The Damazan team consists entirely of French players.

Yours sincerely, ANDREW McLAUGHLAN. Bragueze, 47800 Roumagne, Lot et Garonne, France.

treat one bed in each of the ways he suggests (decapitation, burial or uprooting). Those responsible for the fourth bed, which should be left entirely to mother nature, could then study the effectiveness of each method and report back to your readers.

Yours faithfully, BRIDGET ROSE, 27 Beechbank Drive. Thorpe End. Norwich, Norfolk.

From Mr K. A. Harrison Sir, For a minor misdemeanour, ! would suggest 100 weeds. A more serious offence might justify 200.

Yours faithfully, K. A. HARRISON, The Old Farmhouse, 58 Heydon Road, Creat Chishill Royston, Cambridgeshire. April 20.



COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE

April 22: By command of The Queen, the Viscount Boyne, Lord in Waiting, was present at Heath-row Airport, London, this afternoon upon the departure of Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy for the United States of America, and bade farewell to Her Royal Highness and Sir Angus Ogilvy on behalf of

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

April 22: The Duke of York, President, the St James's Branch of the Royal British Legion, this afternoon attended a service to dedicate the St James's Branch Standard at St James's Church, Piccadilly, London W1.
Captain Neil Blair, RN, was in

The Princess Royal, Patron, the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, this morning visited the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Edinburgh, Summerhall, Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mrs Eleanor Mediumphilia the Re Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mrs Eleanor Mediumphilia the Re Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mrs Eleanor Mediumphilia the Re Lieutenant for the City of Eleanor Mediumphilia the Re Lieutenant for the City of McLaughlin, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened the new Penguin Enclosure at Edinburgh Mrs David Bowes Lyon was in

KENSINGTON PALACE morning addressed the World Commission for Environment

and Development at Claridge's hotel, London W1. His Royal Highness visited His Royal Highness visited Edinburgh today and was received by Her Majerty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mrs Eleanor McLaughlin, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

The Prince of Wales, Patron, McCarillen, Nives Averel, this

Macmillan Nurse Appeal, this afternoon met Macmillan nurses and patients at the Radiation and paperus at the Radianon Oncology Unit at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh. This evening His Royal High-ness attended a performance of

Rosanna della Casa (née Curling)

A service for M15 Rosanna della Casa will be held on Wednesday, April 29, at 3.30pm at St Mary's Church, Old Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

DEATHS



Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Concert given by the National Children's Orchestra in York Minster, in aid of the York Minster Fund.

Her Royal Highness was re-ceived on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County of North Yorkshire (Sir Marcus Worsley, Bt).
The Hon Mrs Whitehead was

ST JAMES'S PALACE

April 22: The Duke of Kent, President of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, today per-formed the naming ceremony of "RNLB The Four Boys" at Sennen Cove Lifeboat Station.

Captain the Honourable Tom Coke was in attendance.
The Duchess of Kent, Patron of Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, today attended a Fashion Show in aid of the West Berkshire Appeal at the Phyllis Court Club, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire. Mrs Fiona Henderson was in

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE April 22: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by Sir Angus Ogiby and attended by the Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox, this afternoon left Heathrow Airport, London, to pay an official visit to Washington.

Washington.
On arrival at the Airport, Her Royal Highness was received by His Excellency the Ambassador of the United States of America (the Honourable Raymond G. H. Seitz), Sir David Muirhead (Special Representative of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), Sir Colin Marshall (Deputy Chair-man and Chief Executive of British Airways pic) and Mr Robin Baxendale (Manager Spe-cial Facilities, Heathrow Airport

Reception

Baroness Phillips was host at a reception held yesterday at the House of Lords for the presenta-tion of the British Safety Council's diplomas in safety management.



Dorothy Tutin and her son, Nick Waring, 21, will share the stage for the first time when they appear together in Chekhov's play, The Seaguil, now in rehearsal by Teatr Clwyd in Kennington, London

School announcements

Bedford School

The Summer Term begins today with 1,109 boys in the School Confirmation will be conducted by the Right Rev John Taylor, Lord Bishop of St Albans, on May 3. The Service in commemoration of Founders and Benefactors takes place at 11.00am on Sunday, May 17, in the School Chapel, when the address will be Chapel, when the address will be given by the Rev Canon Reginald Askew, Dean of King's College London. Old Bedfordians' and Festival Week begins on Saturday, June 20. Mr and Mrs F.M. Fletcher and the Head Master and Dr Sandra Evans will be at home to Old Bedfordians on Saturday. June 27, as noon Saturday, June 27, at noon. Christopher J. Comum continues as Head of School, Robert M.W. Perry is Captain of Boats and Matthew R. Evans is Captain of Cricket.

Bromsgrove School

School convenes today at Bromsgrove for the Summer Term. The Summer concern will be held on May 13. The Drama Society production of The Winter's Tale will be on May 19, 20 and 21. Commemoration Day is

Pipers Corner School High Wycombe on Saturday, July 4, when the Sir Thomas Cookes Sermon at the Thomas Cookes Sermon at the Commemoration Service will be preached by the Bishop of Warwick, the Right Rev Clive Handford, and the Guest Speaker at Prize Giving will be Mr John Bryant, Deputy Editor of The Times. Term Ends with the Leavent Ball.

The Summer Term begins today as Pipers Corner School, with 380 pupils. Eight major Scholarships have been awarded for Sixth Form smiles this coming Aumm, 1992. A Medieval Fayre will be held at the school on Monday May 4 - Old Girls and will be held at the school on Monday, May 4 — Old Girls and friends are welcome. Sports Day takes place on Friday. June 19. On Saturday, July 4, the Hon James Elles, Member of the European Parliament for Oxford and Buckinghamshire, will be the guest of honour for Parents' Day.

The Trinky Term began on Wednesday, April 22. Speech Day and the Old Boys' Cricket March will take place on Saturday, May 16, at which the Senior Prizes will be presented by Professor J. Banarvala OF. Denalls of the Old Foresters' Reunion (OF 1967-1972) to be held at the Southwold, Sections. (OF 1967-1972) to be held at the School on September 20, will be distributed later this term. Term, Summer Term begins today with the School holding a Shakespeare Day to raise funds for the appeal to rebuild The Globe Theatre on the South Bank. There will be the South Bank. There will be performances of The Thwarting of Baron. Bollignes by the Junior Drama group on May 20 and 21 and Nope's Fludde will be performed by the Southwold Music Society and Junior pupils on June 12 and 13. The PTA Summer Fète will be on June 21. Saint George's School's Parents' Day Summer Term begins today. R.M. Holmes continues as School Captain and is also Captain of Cricket. Captain of Boats is R.C. Maccherson. Open Day will be on Saturday. May 23, followed by half-nerro until May 28. Term

will be July 3 and Saint Felix Parents' Day will be on July 4. The Guest Speaker will be the Right Hon the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Brian Jenkins, GBE, MA. DSc. Term ends on July 4.

Stonyhurst College Summer Term commences today. L. Fattorini continues as Head of the Line and M. O'Friel is Second Head, Poetry Parents' Weekend is May 9 and 10 and the Stonyhurst Marathon will be run on May 17. Great Academies will be held on May 29, 30 and 31. The aca-demic year will end on July 1.

Woldingham School The Summer Term begins today. Clare Benka is the new Head Girl and Madelaine Jones is Deputy Head Girl. Prize Day is Saturday, Head Giri. Prize Day is Saturday, July 4. The 150th Anniversary celebrations of Rochampton-Woldingham this year include Opening of Upper Sixth Form Centre, September 26; Anniversary Ball at the Inter-Continental Hotel London, October 2; Mass of Thanksgiving in Westminster Cathedral, October 3; Old Girk Day, October 4. For further information and tickets, please consurt the Head of Administration at the school. Forthcoming marriages

and Miss C.A. George The engagement is announced between Manuel Lionel, son of M and Mme Dominique Carrelet. of Paris, and Catherine Alida, eldest daughter of Captain John George, of Down Farm. Slad, Stroud, Gloucestershire, and Mrs Gillian MacInnes, of Chelworth House, Crudwell, Wiltshire.

Mr A.J. Dodge and Miss T.R.N. Lamplugh

The engagement is announced between Alan, son of the late Mr Robin Dodge and of Mrs Dodge, of Melbury Osmond, Dorset, and Tamsin, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Lamplugh, of East Sheen, London.

Mr P.D. Gray and Miss R.M. Farr

The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mr and Mrs William Gray, of Bateman Mews, Cambridge, and Rosalinde, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Bryan Farr, of Worksop Manor, Nottinghamshire.

Mr J.R. Hayan and Miss C.J.Y. Benyon The engagement is announced between John Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs D.M. Hayns, of Malpas, Cheshire, and Clare Julia Yates, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Tom Benyon, of The Old Rectory, Adstock,

Mr E.C.G. Hicks

and Miss P.J. Burge The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Hicks, of Kensington, London, and Philippa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Burge, of Fulham, London.

Mr J. Hilli and Mins F. Mangles The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Hill, of Snape, Saxmundham, and Flona, third daughter of Major and Mrs John Mangles, of Farndale, York.

Mr P.D. Hegan and Miss D.H.A. Plant The engagement is announced between Patrick Dominic, son of Daniel and Judith Hogan, of Clayton-le-Moors, Accrington, Lancashire, and Deborah Helen Alexandra, daughter of Michael and Pamela Plant, of East Finchley, London, N2.

and Miss A.L. Gordon
The engagement is announced
between David, eldest son of the
late Mr J. Hutt and of Mrs G. Williamson, of Pulborough, West Sussex and Ismerty of Nairobi, Kenys; and Anna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.M. Gordon, of and Miss S.J. Earle

The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael D. Laird, of Edinburgh, and Stephanie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas H.B. Earle, of Ottawa. Canada.

Mr P.A. McCarthy and Miss L.J. Mannd

The engagement is announced: between Paul Anthony, son of Mr M.M. and Mrs J.M. McCarthy. of Holywell, Clwyd, and Lara Jayne, only daughter of Mr J.S. Maund and Mrs B.D. Cooper, of Ludlow, Shropshire.

Mr M.F.J.G. Mostyn and Miss G. de la Pena

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr JJJ. Mostyn, of Barnet, Hertfordshire. mostyn, or harner, Hernordshire, and Mrs M. A. Kilmartin, of Beckley, Oxfordshire, and Gabrielle, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.S. de la Pena, of Eimley Castle, Worcestershire.

Mr D.M. Priestley

The engagement is announced between David, son of Major and Mrs Michael Priestley, of Edinburgh, and Nong, youngest, daughter of Mr and Mrs Shusen Zhang, of Shanghai.

Mr R.M.J. Sturgis and Miss P. Forndran The engagement is announced between Rory, younger son of Major and Mrs John Sturgis, London, and Penelope Forndran, daughter of Mr and Mrs Neil Stewart, Sydney, Australia. The marriage will take place in Sydney on May 29, 1992.

Windsor Castle Dinner

The Oueen and the Duke of Edinburgh held a dinner party last night at Windsor Castle. The

last night at Windsor Castle. The push wert the prime Minister and Mrs Major, the Ambassador of El Salvador and Señora de Rosales, Mr and Mrs Bernard Weatherill, the Right Rev Dr David Hope (Bishep of London), Lord Machariane of Benrsden (chairman, Machariane Group (Clansman)) and Lady Machariane Sir Terence Burns (permanent Betretary, The Trespury) and Lady Burns, Professor Parick, Batteson (Provost of King's College, Cambridge) and Mrs Baterion and Mr Angus Süriling (director-general, National Trust) and Mrs Stating.

Lord Cecil

The Queen has approved that, upon his appointment as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Defence, a Writ in Acceleration be issued to Viscount Cranborne summoning him to the House of Lords in the title of Lord Cecil.

A Writ in Acceleration is a writ

of summons to call upon a son in a barony held by his father, in this case the Marquets of Salisbury.

LEGAL NOTICES

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HRTHS BARSTOW - On April 19th, to Rachel (the Drew) and David, a daughter, Julia Victoria, a sister to Marcus. BLECHYNDEN - On April 10th, at Crawley to Angela and John, a son, Nicholas Jonathan, brother for Letherine Olivia BONNAR - On April 21st, at 9.44 am. to June Patricia and Terence Charles, a daughter Rachel Jean.

BROOKE - On Easier Sunday April 19th, to Amanda (ne April 19th, to Amanda (nee Saunders) and Simon, a Daughter, Catherine (Kale) Julia, a sister for Elector. BUTCHER - On April 19th, to Jane Ince Thorne) and Stephen. a daughter. DESLANDES - On April 16th

10th, to Julia Ince Windle) and Colin, a son, William Hugh.

FLIASCH - On April 15th, at The Portland Hospital, to Amanda and Johan, a wor. Charles Johan Sebastian. EMBUREY - On April 14th 1992, to Pauline and Philip, a daughter, Isabel Anne, a sister for Katherine.

ARDNER - On April 2nd. to Felkily inte Newboldi and Adrian, a daughter, Antonia Caloo Bearrix, a sister for HEATHERINGTON-CHATT

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MARRIAGES

CATTLEY:DREW - On April 23rd 1932 at Compton, nr Winchester, Eric to Hester, Now at Marine Villa,

ANNIVERSARIES

MOORE:SEARLE - AL SI on April 23rd 1942, Richard to Annie Now of Plymouth. Dovon FORD - On April 21st 1992. DEATHS ASTON - On April 22nd.

grandad to Alexander. Melanic, isobel and Lucy. Funeral Monday April 27th. BAGLEY - On April 21st. peacefully in hospital at Cromer, Elizabeth Amy, thee Wislaway), Much loved wife e on Monday April at 12.30pm at crion Church Norfolk Ayimerion Church Norrous, Family flowers only piesso, donallons for Mothers Union Overseas Work to Cromer District Funeral Services, 32 West Streel, Cromer.

DEATHS BARRETT - On April 17th. FRASER - On 19th April Morganet Jess. mother of Deborah Hill-Trevor and Thomas and James Jowiti. Loved husband of the late lise. loved husband of the late Inhel and orother of firster and
the laie Elizabeth. Gremation
private. Memorial Service to
be announced jater.

**ILESOM FLEMING - On April
19th 1992, after a short illness. Syrvia Margaret.
Private Funeral. Thanksgiving Service on May 18th
1992 at 20th at 8i Stroon
Zealots Church, Milner
Street, London Sw3. No
flowers please but donations
if desired to The Royal
Maraden Cancer Appeal,
P.O. Box J. London Sw3.

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BESSINT - On April 20th. peacefully at the Princes. Alice Hospice. Margaret. beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Service at The Parish Church of Si Mary the Virgin. Ewell. On Friday May 1st at 11.30am. Foliowed by private cromation. Family flowers only please but if desired denations may be sent to The Princess Alice Hospice. West End Lane. Hospice, West End Lane, Esher KT10 8NA or to The Royal Marsden Hospital. Down Ril, Sulton M2 nPT.

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BRADLAW - On April 19th.
David Michael Bradlaw
RIBA, son of the late Dr &
Mrs. A.S. Bradlaw of
Plymouth, father of Robert.
Claudia, Maurice and Jaret.
brother of Patricki Jacobs
and dear friend of Olga and
Frank Yales. Service at 1pm
on Monday April 27th at the
Eest Chapet. Putney Vale
Crematorium. Flowers to
T.H.Saunders, 12 Nedfield
St. Rochampton. SW15 4JZ.
or if desired. contributions to
Fliends of Sl Mary's
Himpites. Paddington.

CHANTER - On April 18th.

CHANTER - On April 18th, 1992. June Elizabelh (new Staton). after a very brave struggle against illness and incapacity. Funeral at 4pm Friday April 24th & Holy Trinity Church. Nuffield. Henley-on-Thames.

D'AUBUZ - On April 21st,

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Vera Evelyn widow of the
late Brigadier S. C. D'Aubuz
of Hotford. Somerset.
Pracreiuty aped 85 years.
Cremation private, Funeral
service at Hotford Parish
Church, on Tuesday April
28th at 3pm. Family flowers
only please. Donations if
desired for St. Margarets
Hospice, may be left at the
church or sent to Grandfield
& Son Funeral Directors,
Nether Stowey.

Church, Bellingham on Saturday 25th April at 11.30am. Family Flowers

FORSTER - On April 16th, in FORSTER - On April 16th. In London, Legile, Michael. Patrick, much loved father of Brigid. Funeral on Friday April 24th. Spm at Mortlake Crematorium, Richmond. No flowers, but densalons if desired to Riverside Health Authority. 4 The Wolfe Barry Ward. Westminster Hespitas.

P.O. Box J. London SW3.

GILBEY - On Monday April
20th 1992. Vera Lutina
Josephine of Ct. Thurlow
Suffolk. Betoved wife of the
late Jack, Mother of the late
John Engles and
Grandmother of Simon,
Puneral Service. Cambridge
Crematorium Tuesday April
28th 11.45. Family flowers
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Fuicher. 30 Whiting Street.
Bury St. Edmunds. IP33
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CODDARD On Maundy

HUGHES On April 21st 1992. The Revd Dr Edward Marshall Hughes beloved brother of Frances. Funeral service at 54 Mary's Church Wandingshowntook

(née de Kondserovsky) widow of Qoff loved mother of Christine and Susan. Pri-vale funeral has laken place.

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GODOARD - On Maundy
Thursday at 81 Michael's
Hospice. Herefurd. Michael's
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Richard. a beforced husband,
father and grandfather Past
Chairman of Denman and
Goddard Ltd. Cremalion private. Service of
Thanksgiving for his tife and
work on Salurday May 16th
at Christ Church Llanwarne
at 230 pm Donations, if
destred, to 51 Michaels Hospice or The R.N.L.1. c/o
Bayley Brothers Ltd.
Cottertil Street. Hereford.

HOW - On April 21st.

Heoley-on-Thambs.

COLE-HAMILTON - On April
17. peacefulty in its sleep.
Richard Arihur. of
Hawthorn Villa. 386 Ferry
Road. Edinburgh: dearly
loved and lorling husband.
father and grandfather,
friend to many Felicalans.
Cremetion privale, a service
of thankagiving for his life to
be arranged later.

PALISTITUTE - April 214 Cottertil Street. Hereford.

HOW - On April 21st. peacefully in Epsom General Hospital, Peter Goodland aged 77 of Fetcham, much loved by family and friends. Service at St Mary's Church. Fetcham on Wednesday April 29th at 12 noon Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Church of England Chitdren's Society C/O L. Hawkins & Sons. 2 Highlands Road, Leatherhead. KT22 RND.

Woodnesborough.
Sandwich, Kent on Tuesday
April 28th at 12 ncon
followed by committal at
Barham Crematorium.
Family flowers only.
IMHOF - On April 11, Nina
this de Kondserovsky? FESTING - On April 22nd. aged 85, Mary Cecilia. wife of the late Field Marshal Str Francis Festing. Private Requiem Mass at SL Oswalds vate fumeral has taken place.

JOHNISTON - On April 16th, suddenly on holiday near Assisi. Michael Erringion. agod 76 years. Beloved husband of Clare, much loved father of Trish and clare, and grandfather of Alex. Tom, Horace. Robert. Heille and Chartle. Requiem Mass at St Mory Magdelen's Church, North Worple Way. Mortlake on Tuesday April 28th at 2.30 pm. Family Rowers only please. Donations to St Raphael's Hospice, London Road, North Cheam SM3 9DX.

JOHNSTON - On April 20th

only, R.I.P.
FISHER - On April 18th 1992.
Richard B. There will be a
memorial service on
Thursday May 7th, at 12.30
pm. at Canonbury Academy.
6/7. Canonbury Place.
London, N1. No Plowers
please donations in his name
to The Mildmay Mission.
Hospital, Hackney Road,
London, E2 TNA.

peacefully at St Barnabus Hospice, Worthing, Barbara Ford aged 60 years of Ford aged 60 years of Shoreham Mother of Candida and Adrian. grandmother of Alexander. Lived a full life and brought happiness to many. Has been especially content the last 9 years by the River. Thanks to friends who supported her the last few months. Memorial service to be heid at \$1 Nicolas Church. Shoreham on Friday April 24th at Spm.

North Cheam SM3 9DX.
JOHNSTON - On April 20th
1992. at Sobell House
Oxford. Hector Johnston.
Much loved husband of
Ngaire and father of James &
Rory. Funeral service at St
Peter's Church Wootton near
Abingdon Oxford, on
Tuesday April 28th at
12.30pm. Enquiries to
Edward Carler Funeral
Director 0235 - 528293.
MEAY - On Easier Sunday. Director 0235 - 528293.

KEAY - On Easter Sunday.
April 19th 1992, peacefully.
Fred, husband of Betly and
failter of Peter and Kathleen.
Service at Breakspear
Crematorium. Russip on
Tuesday April 28th.
12.45pm. Family flowers
only but donations for
Scanner Appeal at Mount
Vernon Hospital if desired.

DEATHS widow of Andrew Macken-zie, mother of Caul and Meisse and sister of Churles Swallow. Funeral service for family and friends at Puzzey Vale Crematorium at 10.48 a.m. on Wednesday April 29. Family flowers only. Dona-tions if desired to Cardisc Discretionary Fund. Dona-lions and enquiries to Ashton Funeral Service. 221 Upper Richmont Rd. Lendon 5W15 6SQ - Tel: OS1 788 1790.

MAGAN - On April 19th, Ruth, widow of Michael, beloved mother of Pal and Oeraldine and adored grandmother. Requirem St. Andrews Church, Tenberden on Monday April 27th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations to Massarr Tenesa. 16 Orleans Rd. SE19 or House Governor. Moorfields Eye Hospital. City Rd. ECI

Eye Hospital. City Rd, EC1
MONRISON - On April 20th, after a iong illness, John Knox (F.R.C.O.G.) Much loved husband of Calherine and father of James. Catherine. Camilla and Charlotle and Grandpe. Dear brother of Chick Wilson. Funeral Service at St. Nicholas Church, Worth Matravers, on Tuesday April 28th at 2.00.pm. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to the Dorset Respite and Hospice Irust: C/O

J& R Killick. 081 462 1009

REID - On April 20th 1992,
peacefully at the Lyndoch
Private Nursing home in
Editaburgh, Christine Soldan
inke Macked) beloved wife
of the late Professor Donald
D Reid. Dear mother of
Cabriona and Alison. Much
loved grandmother of
Murray, lain. Ewan and
David Service at Warriston
Crematorium. Closter
Chapel on Monday April
27th at 1.46pm to which all
friends are invited. Family
flowers only please, but
donations if desired may be
sent to The Chest Heart and
Stroke Association. Scotland.

REUTER - On Monday April
20th 1992, at home, Prof.
G.E. Harry Reuter,
Cremation at Cambridge
Crematurium on Monday
April 27th at 11.30. am.
Flowers if desired or
donations for The N.S.P.C.C.
may be sent to Brian Warner
Puneral Service, 4 Harshel
Court, Cambridge, CB1 4U8.

Park Road on Wednesday April 29th at 12.30pm. April 24th at 12.00 pt.
Donations please to Trinity
Hospice, Clapham Common.
SW4 or Flowers to Leverion
& Sons Lid Funeral Directors. 212 Eversholl Street,
NW1 by 11am please.

Forest School

idenly al Church Shropshire, Vir-Ny aged 59 years,

PACKE - On Good Priday, suddenly and peacefully, Judith Penelope of Bromley Common, Keni, beloved sister, Aunt and Great Aunt, Funeral Wednesday April 29th, 2 pm, at Holy Trinity, Bromley Common, Enquires J & R Killick, 081 462 1009

STEELE - On Monday April 20th 1992, peacefully to rest at Weymouth. Dr. Basil Lynden aged 91 years, loved deepty by the family and friends. Requiem service at St Marks Church. Regents Park Road on Wednesday

STEPHENS - On April 19th
1992. pencefully after a
short illness. Owen
LLewellyn aped 88. of
Walberton, Wesl Sussex,
much loved father of Peter
and Shirley and Grandfather
of Penel Christopher Inne and Shirley and Grandfather of Robert. Christopolur lone and Edward. Funoral Service at Chichester Crematorium Jorn on Tuesday April 28th. Flowers or donations to his charities To F.A. Holland & Son. 3 Jubilee Dept. Christoffer. Susser.

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VITALI - On April 20th, at Hammerumith Hospital. Maria trena ('Buba') aged 77 years. Futeral service at \$4 Andrew Boboil Church, 1 Leysfield Road. Hammersmith. London W12 on Thursday April 30th, at 1 Lam followed by Crematidin at Meetings.

WHISHAW - On April 21st 1992, al home, Richard 1992, al home, Richard Ward, Director Husbad of Evelyn and father of the lain Sarph, Funeral service at St. Nicholas Church, Compton, on Monday April 27th at 1,45pm Followed by Grenation. Family flowers only. Donations it desired to The British Heart Foundation C/O. J Corringe & Son. Funeral Directors, 56, Hare Laire, Codalming, Surrey, Tel O483 416403

WHITAKER - On Saturday
April 18th, Mary widow of
Lealle and dear sister of Lady
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James Church. Certards
Cross. followed by cremetion. Family flowers only
please. Donations if desired
to British Heart Foundation.
14 Fitzhardinge Street,
London WIH 4DH.

WILLIAMSON - On April 20th 1992. peacefully in Harpenden Memorial Hospital. Henry Cecil Williamson M.B.E. J.P. Affectionally known as Bill. aped 93 years. Dearly loved husband of Dorothy. father of Ken and Jean. grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral service at \$1 Nicholas Parish Church Harpenden on Tuesday April 28th at 1.45pm followed by remarking all Weil Heris Crematorium. Garston. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to The King Edward VII Hospital for Officers. Beaumont Street. London with 28th Allenguires to 1. C Weston Funeral Directors number 25. 17 Leyton Road. Harpenden. Herts, Tel-106829.712865. WILLIAMSON - On April

HOLLAND - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of S. W. C. Holland (Bill) who died April 7th 1992, will be held at St. Margaret's Church, Cley-Neal The-Sea, Norfolk on Friday, May 1st at 35m. No flowers please Donations. If desired, to Cancer Resource

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Chartered Accountants PG Box
553 30 Eastbourne Terrace.
London W2 6LF.

Functial Directors number 25. 17 Leyton Road. Harpenden. Herts, Tel10682: 712865.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

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FIFTH FUSILIERS SI
Goorges Day greetings to all surviving Royal Northumbertand Fusiliers and in proud memory of all who wore the red and white rose on this day in or out of action in over 300 years of dedicated service to Crown and country. "QUO FATA VOCANT" "QUO FATA VOCANT" "QUO FATA REGIMENT - Remembering all ranks of The 31st and 70th Regiments and The East Surrey Regiment on this their Regimental Day, who their internation as they are surely response to the result of the red and Appleton a THE EAST SURREY
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DATED this 18th day
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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
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LEGAL NOTICES

Joint Administrative Receiver

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of the Creditors of Thindride Limited

will be held at the offices of

Price Walarhouse, No I London

Bridge, London SEI 9CR on the

God day of May 1992 at 11.00

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IN THE MATTER OF
BMEDIACOM LIMITED
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Notice is hereby given, pursuami to Section 98 of the insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of
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Paul's House, Warwick Lame,
London ECAP ABN on Wednesday, 29th April 1992, at 10.15
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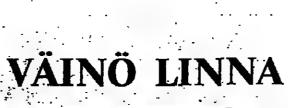
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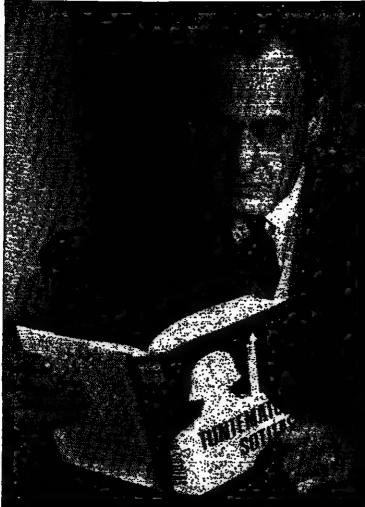
Vāino Linna, Finnish novelist. and author of the realistic war epic known in the Englishspeaking world as The Unknown Soldier, died at Kangasala, central Finland, on April 21 aged 71. He was born at Urjala, south of Tampere, on December 20, 1920.

FINNISH literature proper, apart from the Kalevala and other epics and folk tales, is not really much older than the Russian annexation of Finland of 1809. Before then it was dominated by Swedish, the language of the ruling class. In the death of the novelist Vaino Linna it has lost one of the few undoubted stars of its still-short but always vivid life. His Tuntematon sotilas (1954), translated into English in 1957 as The Unknown Soldier, sold more copies (to date 900,000) than any other Finnish novel has ever sold, in a country of under five million. Set during the second where of the during the second phase of the Russo-Finnish war which began after the invasion of the Soviet Union by Germany in June 1941 it graphically described the struggle in the forests of Karelia from the standpoint of a platoon of Finnish machdelineation of both character and incident.

Linna was born in southern Finland, thirty miles south of the industrial city of Tampere, where he lived and worked for much of his life. Indeed, like two other notable Finnish working class writers, Toivo Pekkanen and Olavi Siipainen, he came to literary prominence almost straight from the factory workbench.

After starting life as a farm labourer he had gone to Tampere in 1938 to work as a general handy-man in Finland's largest cotton factory. With a break for war service he was to work there until 1955 when the success of *The Unknown Soldier* emancipated him from his labours as a mechanic. In the meantime he availed himself of the educational opportunities offered by the remarkable working class intellectual movement associated with the Tampere





Library. He always lived up to his description as a working-class writer, and indeed became one of the leading examples of this in Finnish

literary history.

But war intervened in this process of formal self education (hs rigours nevertheless provided a priceless education of a quite different sort). When the Russians invaded Finland in November 1939 Linna was called. up into the machinegun company of a conscript regiment. He fought throughout the "Winter War" of

1939-40 in which the Finns withstood the might of the Red Army for four months before suing for peace, and during the "Continuation War"

of 1941-44. After his discharge from the Firmish army at the end of these wars Linna went back to his factory as a manual worker. Two early novels, Päämäärä ("The Goal", 1947) and Musta rakkaus (Black Love, 1948) were quite well received but did not attract a great deal of attention. Then, in 1954, he dropped the

This is the story of a grousing man, serving in the Continuation - Finland. War which the Finns embarked on to reclaim 16,000 square miles of territory, notably the emotive district of Karelia, which had been wrested from Finland by the Russians in March 1940 and which was eventually to be ceded to Russia again as the Soviet army drove Germans (and Finns) eastwards in 1944. Much depends, in this undoubted classic, upon peasant humour and subtle nuances of dialect - Claude Sylvian was given the prize for the best French translation of 1956 for his truly masterly rendering of it as

The real nature of army life had been depicted before in Finnish fiction, in particular by Pentti Haanpää, but as a presentation of the impact of war on ordinary people, with its skilful and frequenty humorous use of dialogue, The Unknown Soldier has few rivals in post-war European literature. Its sales were helped by the cascade of criticism that was poured upon it by polite society, certain sections of which could not accept the notion that soldiers could be so disenchanted and, as they saw it, cynical and disgusting. In particular the officer class in the post-war Finnish army was not much enamoured of Linna's portrayal of its behaviour under the pressures of war and bitter cold of

Les Soldats inconnus.

But The Unknown Soldier eventually won admiration in Finland, not only in learned circles but among "ordinary" people — notably veter-ans who had served in the ranks during the Russo-Finnish conflicts for its integrity and authenticity. The acciaim that accrued to it was due not least to the character of the protagonist; Linna's soldier is a clear-thinking, responsible individ-ual; his uncompromising realism thus helped to dispel the false stereotype of the uneducated Finn as a mere "savage", which was then prevalent in a very divided country whose governments were (on the whole) more intelligent and recon-

bombshell of The Unknown Soldier. ciliatory than the factions they ruled. The book was translated into 25 common soldier, a very ordinary languages and successfully filmed in

> It is a myth that the Finnish civil war of 1917-18 was a taboo subject until mid-century; but its causes had seldom been adequately analysed in fiction. In the trilogy that is probably Linna's masterpiece, Taala Pohjantahden alla (1959-62). "Here Under The Polar Star", he more than merely touched on this subject, for the novel illustrates, by means of the story of a tenant farmer's family, a vivid cross-section of social change in Finland between the late nineteenth century and the years after 1945.

With his contemporary Laur Viita, Linna was the first in Finnish literature to get inside "the minds of the masses" and he did this without any marked degree of tiresome theo-retical commitment. He was wholly a traditionalist and a realist and in no sense an experimentalist like the slightly younger Veijo Meri, a sub-tier and more literary novelist holding somewhat the same point of

Perhaps Linna lacked the delicacy and imaginative power of Pentil Haanpää, the greatest Finnish novelist of modern times, or of his successor Meri, but in his use of the vernacular and his earthy humour he remains unsurpassed.

Able to free himself from factory

work through his literary success, Linna bought a small farm in central Finland where he combined working on the land with his writing. But he maintained his links with industrial Tampere, where a stage version of The Unknown Soldier became a great success on the outdoor stage of the Tampere Workers' Theatre. Linna himself re-mained an unassuming individual to the end, enjoying simple manual tasks on his farm (he never considered himself as more than an "amateur" farmer) as much as the acciaim he received from his literary

In 1945 he married Kerttu Seuri. who, with their two children, sur-

cross into Switzerland and from there

In 1948 Vladimir married in Switzer-land, Princess Leonida, the second daughter of Prince George Bagration-Mukhransky of Georgia. She had been

married previously to Sumner Moore Kirby, an American who had died in a

For most of his life Vladimir was a full-

time pretender with no other job. He

once told an interviewer that he was busy

most days dealing with his corres-

pondence, adding, perhaps mistakenly, that he received about a dozen letters a

day. He and his family lived in substan-

tial residences in St Briac, Paris and

Madrid enjoying a relatively luxurious life-style but he said the stories of a vast

Romanov family fortune being salted away were untrue. Commenting on the

claims of a woman called Anna Ander-

sen to be the Grand Duchess Anastasia,

a surviving child of Nicholas II, Vladi-

mir said nothing would have given him

greater pleasure than to believe that a

daughter of the last emperor had sur-vived. But the family had investigated

the claim; his own sister, Kira, had

visited the woman and it was 99.9 per

cent improbable that she really was

taining contacts with exiled White Rus-

sian compatriots and travelling widely.

After a life in exile lived in parallel with

the rise and decline of the Soviet regime,

its demise gave Vladimir grim satisfac-tion moderated only by the desperate

Vladimir was an energetic man main-

Nazi concentration camp in 1945.

travel to Spain where he settled.

APPRECIATIONS

Frankie Howerd

WE SHOULD not overlook, in the tributes that have so rightly been paid to him (obituary April 20), Frankie Howerd's enthusiastic and generous participation in live entertainment shows for the Armed Forces. With ENSA's successor organisation CSE (Combined Services Entertainment), Mr Howerd took part in shows in Korea, Borneo, Germany, Cyprus, Gan, Singapore and, repeatedly, in Northern Ireland.

He was among the first to volunteer to take part in entertainment scheduled for the Falkland Islands: it was only illness that prevented him making the long journey.

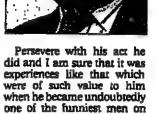
There was nowhere Frankie Howerd would not go: danger seemed irrelevant to him. To his audiences, taking a short break from

Benny Hill

SHORTLY after the last world war my brother George and I presented touring revues which visited all the main towns in the UK

One of the stars was Reg Varney and we employed Benny Hill (obituary, April 22) as his straight man. He was also contracted to do a ten minute act in the revue himself.

Every Tuesday, after the show had opened in a new town, Benny phoned me: "Mr Black, you've got to take me out of the show as my act got the bird again last night." My brother and I persuaded him to persevere with his act (if the truth be known, if we had got rid of his act we would have had to contract another and this would have added to the expense).



cases, which he proceeded to

"What's inside?" I en-

quired. "A million pounds in notes specially flown from Britain." Off he went in a cloud of dust presumably to

return to Cairo across the

Sinai Desert. Fortunately,

there was a phone box in

sight but it took some four

hours to locate the bank man-

ager. When he'd completed his Sunday afternoon round

of golf, he arrived to relieve

me of my burden. I'd never

been so glad to see anyone in my life! What would that con-

signment be worth today - 50 years later? Some £19m

England

dump on the pavement.

television of our time.

their often exceptionally haz-

ardous duties, his humour

(frequently risque but always

thoroughly acceptable!)

brought not only laughter

and relaxation, but that much-needed "breath of home" from a star who shone

so brightly in the entertain-

General Sir Geoffrey

ment firmament.

Alfred Black

Edward Smouha

READING Edward Smouha's obliuary today (April 14) reminded me vivid-ly of a small incident during the second world war. Rommel was at El Alamein, there was a run on the banks and I was weekend duty officer at Air HQ in Jerusalem. Follow-ing instructions from Cairo, I met their messenger outside Barciays DCO, Jerusalem, to receive an important delivery. At 12 noon, a sandy figure complete with topee and fly swat arrived in a jeep, intro-duced himself as Squadron Leader Edward Smouha and would I sign for three packing

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Ronald Eyre

YOUR excellent description

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Victim. That and his Z Cars scrips Window Dressing were pub-lished by Longman Imprint Books for schools and widely studied for literature examinations by 16-year-olds. He was a pioneering and brilliant figure in bringing the study of television as a dra-matic art form into the country's dassrooms.

Prof Michael Marland

(April 10) of Ronald Eyre's major contribution to the wider theatrical world did not make it clear that his first directing experience with the BBC was for schools television, for which he directed plays as varied as Brecht's The Caucasian Chalk Circle. Betti's The Queen and the

April 23 ON THIS DAY 1907

In the making of a dramatic film, three "rascals" bent on

wrecking a train were to place

dénouement, his dog having failed to get help, would pull a cord and set a signal to danger. Unfortunately, in a dummy run, something went wrong and the man was killed.

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Coast Railway, said he wished to state before any evidence was taken that the occurrence took place without any knowledge or sanction on the part of the

Mr. Price, on behalf of the

Henry Lawley, a partner in the firm, said their object was to get a film picture in which a

dog was to pull a cord of the signal and set it at danger, thereby stopping the train.

To work out this scheme, he went down to Mr. Bromley, the

station master at Stoar's Nest, and showed him a written copy of the plot. He explained it to the station master and asked his permission to act it on a siding at Stoat's Nest. Mr. Bromley consented. On Wednesday last, Mr. and Mrs. Zeitz and four other men met the wimess and his partner at Stoat's Nest. The station mas-

stoar's rest. The station mag-ter escorted them to Mr. Brom-ley then left them.

As the train started out of the station into the siding for one of the later scenes, Zeitz lay down on the line just beyond the sleepers. Instead of stop-ping as arranged, the train passed the mark and the guard iron caught the first sleeper, which struck the second sleeper, this in turn striking Zenz. Zetiz threw himself on his back in the four-foot way. A

sleeper caught his chest and dragged him along about 20 feet, his head bumping the other sleeper.

The usual driver was driving the train. The wimes said that they thought it was possible to stop an engine within 6in. of any spot they wished. They never anticipated the least possibility of danger. There was no mention of remunera-tion, either directly or in-

directly, of the officials Perceval Stow said he rode on the engine, and he told the driver he could enter the picture fairly quickly. The train pulled up very suddenly, and one of the men came up and shouted: "You have run over the man," and the engine was

then reversed William Podmore, the driver of the engine, said he was told by the station master that he was to run his train down the siding because Stow was to take a snapshot. He turned to Stow and asked him what he wanted, and the station master then pointed down the siding and told him he was to run down it and stop dead. He did not see the sleepers on the line. Both the witness and his mate were to keep out of sight as they did not want them to appear in

the picture. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

PRINCE TEYMURAZ **BAGRATION**

Prince Teymuraz Bagra-tion, great-great-grandson of Tsar Nicholas I (Tsar of Russia, 1825-55), who escaped from the Russian revolution to devote most of his life to ald political refugees, died of a heart at-tack at his home in New York on April 10 aged 79.

He was born Prince Bagration-Moukhransky in Paviovsk, near St Petersburg.

DESCENDED from two royal houses in what was to become the Soviet Union, Teymuraz Bagration lost many of his relatives in the Russian revolution of 1917. But his parents - his mother was a Romanov and his father a member of the Georgian dynasty — escaped with him to safety in Switzerland in 1919. From there the young Bagration was taken to Yugoslavia, where he graduated from the Royal Yugoslav Military Academy in 1935 and married Catherine Ratchich, a granddaughter of the Yugoslavian prime

minister. After ten years of service with the Yugoslav forces, including combat in the second world war and a spell with the French underground, Bagration served in royal chancelleries in Paris and London before being recruited by Countess Alexandra Tolstoy. daughter of the novelist, to

join a foundation she had created to help refugees from the Soviet Union. Beginning as a field officer

in Beirut, he moved to the foundation's Manhattan headquarters in 1949 and became successively executive secretary, executive director and chief executive, before assuming the role of president which he held until his

Under Bagration's control the Tolstoy Foundation extended its activities to serve refugees from many other countries, including Tibet, Chile, Uganda and Cuba. Its offices expanded to 18 other locations across the United States and Europe, the Mid-dle East and South America.

Bagration was a longtime board member of CARE, the refugee organisation, and the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service. He was also a founder. member of Interaction, a coalition of 100 charitable org-anisations working abroad, and of the council of relief agencies responsible for shipping food to Germany after the war. He was president of the American branch of the Orthodox Palestine Society and a member of the Georgian Eastern Orthodox Church.

After his first wife died in 1946. Bagration married the former Princess Irina Czernichew-Besobrasow, who survives him.

Giorgos Zambetas

GIORGOS Zambetas, 67, a

Zambetas was widely popular in Greece and among Greek immigrants abroad. His music was often comical and dealt with the day-to-day frustrations of the common man. He appeared in many Greek films of the 1950s and 1960s.

GRAND DUKE VLADIMIR

Grand Duke Vladimir of Russia. head of the Romanov imperial family overthrown in 1917, dled in Miami on April 21 aged 74. He was born in Borgo, Finland, on August 30, 1917.

THROUGHOUT his life Vladimir THROUGHOUT his life Visdimir Kirillovitch nursed the hope that one day he might be Tsar of all the Russias. A tall man with the bearing of a Cossack, he spoke fluent but old-fashioned Russian, having never set foot in the country of his royal forefathers until November last year, following the collapse of communism. It was then that he travelled to St Petersburg to attend the ceremonies marking the reinstatement of the city's Romanov name, describing the moment

as one of "indescribable joy." Vladimir Kirillovitch was the third child and only son of Grand Duke Kirili Vladimirovitch and Victoria Feodorovna de Saxe Cobourg, a granddaughter of Queen Victoria. His father was a first cousin, and the closest surviving male relative, of Nicholas II following the June 1918 massacre of the Tsar and

most of the royal family. A year earlier as the revolution was beginning, the Grand Duke Kirili had fied with his two daughters and his pregnant wife to Finland where Vladimir was born. In 1924, when it had been established to the satisfaction of all but a few dichards that the imperial family had been murdered, the Grand Duke Kirill issued a manifesto proclaiming himself the head of the House of Roma-noff and the legitimate pretender to the throne of Russia, "Emperor of all the

Russias". The exiled family settled in Saint-Briac, France, where at the age of 16, in accordance with Russian law, Vladimir came of age, swearing an oath of fealty to the Grand Duke. He was educated privately and then at Paris's Russian Lycée and London University and could speak fluent French, German, English and Spanish as well as Russian.

In 1938, on the death of his father, Vladimir issued his own proclaimation laying claim to the throne although, unlike his father, he said he would not "for the present" use the imperial title, prefering to be addressed as Grand Duke. A year later he returned to Britain and began working in a machine factory near Peterborough "to experience per-sonally the life of a factory workman."



The job was arranged for him by Lord and Lady Astor and he worked under the pseudonym "Mikhailoff", the same while working in the royal shipyards in Deputord.

He remained in France throughout ing to negotiate his return to a puppet throne in Russia but the rumours were was obliged by the German authorities to move eastwards. At one time, he later recalled, he found himself in a village with the Soviet army advancing fast them," he said, "was most uncomfort-



name that Peter the Great had adopted

Instead, armed with a safe conduct pass from the German authorities, he motored down alone to a village in the westernmost tip of Austria. He remained there for 17 months until he was able to



most of the second world war. At one time it was rumoured that he had received emissaries from Hitler attemptgenerally regarded as without founda-tion as Vladimir was fiercely opposed to Nazi policy towards Russia. Then, as the allied landings became imminent, he towards him. "The prospect of meeting

plight of the Russian people. He viewed the reforms in the Soviet Union instituted by Mikhail Gorbachev as hopeful ones and last year expressed his readiness to back Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president

Anastasia.

He remained determined that whatever happened in his homeland, the Romanov claim to the Russian throne would stav alive. "It is something you cannot give up. because you are born with it," he said. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, the Grand Duchess Marie Vladimirowa, who was born in 1953. She married Prince Franz-Wilhelm of Prussia in 1976 and succeeds her father as head of the Russian imperial family.

The grand duke is also survived by a grandson, the Grand Duke George of Russia, who is 11 years old.

Today's royal

The Princess Royal, as Com-mandant-in-Chief, St. John Am-bulance and Nursing Caders, will open the new headquarters at Aton at 10.15; as Patron of the

The Duchess of Gloucester, as President of the WRVS London area, will visit the offices at 234 Stockwell Road, SW9, at 11.00.

today.

musician and composer of popular Greek bouzouki music, has died aged 67.

Kirkup, travel writer, novelist and

playwright, 69; Dr R.M. Laws, master, St Edmund's College, Cambridge, 66; Colonel Sir An-

drew Martin, former Lord

Lieutenant of Leicestershire, 78:

Sir Thomas Padmore, civil ser-

vant, 83: Professor George Steiner, author, 63; Sir Herbert

Tetley, actuary, 84; Sir Eric

Birthdays Mr M.A. Anson, former chairman, Wessex Water Authority. 68: Mrs Shirley Temple Black, former actress and American diplomat, 64; the Most Rev Michael Bowen, Archbishop of Southwark, 62; Lord Carew, 87; Mr Bill Cotton, former managing director, BBC Television, 64: Mr Antony Craxton, television producer, 74; Mr J.P. Donleavy, author. 66: Sir Diarmuid Downs, automotive engineer. 70; Lady Dudley, 85; the Hon Victoria Glendinning, author, 55; Mr William Hagerty, editor, The People, 53; Sir Arnold Hall, Toronto, 1897. former chairman, Hawker Siddeley Group, 77; Sir Russell Hillhouse, civil servant, 54; Mr R.E. Holland, former chairman, Pearl Group, 65; Mr James

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Shakespeare, Stratford-upon-Avon, 1564 (he died on this day at Stratford, 1616); Joseph Mallord William Turner, painter, London 1775; James Buchanan, 15th president of the United States 1857-61. Cove Gap, Pennsylvania, 1791: Max Planck, physicist, Kiel, 1858; Edmund Henry Allenby, 1st Viscount Allenby, field mar-shal, Brackenhurst, Nottinghamshire, 1861; Lester Pearson, prime minister of Canada 1963-68, Nobel peace laureate 1957,

DEATHS: Miguel de Cervantes, novelist, Madrid, 1616; Henry Vaughan, poet, Llansaintffrae, Dyfed, 1695; Joseph Nollekins. sculptor, London 1823; William Wordsworth, Poet Laureate 1843-50, Rydal Mount, Cumbria, 1850; Rupert Brooke, poet. died on active service, Skyros, 1915: Jim Laker, cricketer, 1986: Arthur Michael Ramsey, Lord Ramsey of Canterbury, arch-bishop of Canterbury 1961-74. 1988.

Today is the Feast of St George, patron saint of England.

Appointments

Miss Gillian Weir to be President of the Incorporated Society of Musicians. Mr Jack Brymer to be president-elect. Mr Lindsey Evens and Lord Crathorne to be trustees of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, in succession to the Marquess of Anglesey and Sir Oliver Millar

Mr W. Reeves to be Assistant Under Secretary (Commitments); Ministry of Defence, from May 5. Mr J. G. H. Walker to be Director General Policy and Special Projects, Land Systems Controllerate, Procurement Executive, Ministry of Defence, from May 12.

Mr Leslie Worth to be President of the Royal Watercolour Society in succession to Mr Charles Bartlett.

University news

Sir Richard Luce, formerly Minister for the Arts, has taken up his appointment as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Buckingham.

Luncheon

Lloyd's Register Sir Roderick MacLeod, Chairman of Lloyd's Register, senior man of Lloyd's Register, senior staff, board and general comminee members and members of Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Board gave a luncheon yesterday at 71 Fenchurch Street. Mr E.A.J. George, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, was the suest of honour. the guest of bonour.

Among others present were the Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, Sir Ian Denholm, Sir Bob Reid, Sir David Scholey, Mr T A Akeroyd, Mr S Draegebo, Mr E G E Embiricos, Mr H O McCoy. Mr R J Palmer, Mr J D Rowland, Mr C M Smith, Mr P C Tudball, the Deputy Master of the Corpora-tion of Trinity House, the Presi-dent of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects, the Chief Exec-utive of North Sea Safety, the Renter Warden of the Ship-periology Company, the Bra-View wrights' Company, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Newcastle upon Tyne University, the Secretary-General of the International Markime Organisation and the Chief Registrar of the Registry of

Friendly Societies.

Dinner

Royal Society of St George Mr Martin Barber, Chairman of the City of London branch of the Royal Society of St George, accompanied by Mrs Barber, presided at an eve of St George's dinner held last night at Guildhall. The other speakers were Sir John Killick, Colonel Iain Ferguson, Director of the Royal Tournament, Mr Deputy Bernard L. Morgan, branch president, and the Rev Basil Watson. Messages were received from The Queen and the Lord Mayor,

Among those present were the President of the Royal Society of St George, Sir William and Lady Shapland, the Recorder of London and Mrs Verney, the Chairman of the Royal Society of St George and Mrs Minshull-St George and Mrs Minsmill-Fogg, the President of the Sydney branch, the President of the United Wards' Club and Mrs Ballard, the Master of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London and Mrs Kemp, the President of the City Livery Club and Mrs Boreham and members of the Court of Common Council of the Court of Common Council of the Corporation of London.

engagements

National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, will visit the bureau at Alton to mark its 50th anniversary at 11.05. She will open the new World of Lemurs exhibition at Marwell Zoological Park, near Winchester, at 11.55; will open the new CAB premises at Ringwood at 1.55; will re-commission TS Royalist at Lymington at 2.35; and, as Patron of the British Steel Challenge, will attend a dinner for the chairmen of companies sponsoring the yachts taking part in the challenge at Botley Park Hotel and Country Club, Botley, at

Lady Gabriella Windsor is eleven

steepers on the line: a performer, playing a rathwayman, was to spot them and be knocked unconscious and lie on the track. In the

At Croydon, yesterday, an in-quest was held on the body of William Zeitz, who was killed last week on the railway at Stoar's Nest whilst acting a part in a train-wrecking scene intended for reproduction in the bioscope.

Mr. Austin, on behalf of the

railway company's chief offici-als. Directly it came to their knowledge, all railway men concerned in the affair were

Clarendon Film Company, said he wished to express the firm's deep regret for the

dog should play a prominent part. The idea was that the ganger on the line discovered three men placing sleepers on the railway line with the intention of wrecking a train when he was struck down and rendered unconscious across the line. His dog, seeing his master's danger, was to return to his home for assistance. Being unable to get assistance, the

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

SENIOR judges in England and Wales have broken their code of silence on recent miscarriages of justice and publicly admitted that they should take some responsibility for what went wrong.

In a programme on the judiciary to be broadcast tonight, three days before the new Lord Chief Justice, Sir Peter Taylor, takes up his post, several judges are putting a more contrite and concerned message across to the public. Lord Bridge of Harwich, the judge at the original trial of the Birmingham Six, says in the

Judges on Trial (Thames) that the judiciary must take a "share of the responsibility" for such injustices. Lord Bridge, who recently retired as a full-time law lord although he still sits on cases, says he feels unhappy but not guilty about the fate of the six men who served 16 years before their convictions were quashed. The question of who was responsible was not the most important question, he says. That was: "How do we prevent it happening in

A senior Court of Appeal Judge, Lord Justice Woolf, indicates he is prepared to

mend some of the damage done. He concedes that the public have lost confidence in the criminal justice system and "that is very disturbing." "I think in some ways agreeing to come on a pro-

gramme like this . . . may help some small way to make public understand that the judiciary are conscious of their concerns and are in fact reacting to them." He says there is a terrible danger that under the present system. prisoners who protest their innocence are unable to express their grievance in a way that brings it before the

He calls for reforms to prevent further miscarriages of justice, including the creation of a new criminal justice service "which has the task of ensuring that those cases which should come to the Court of Appeal, in fact come there, and there is proper investigation of those cases."

A third judge, Mr Justice Kennedy, admits that "probably all of us" were too ready to believe police evidence in

Lord Justice Taylor who is to be the new Lord Chief Justice, has already pledged that he will strive to restore confidence in the criminal ustice system. He repeats on the programme: "There is a battered confidence and I want to restore it."

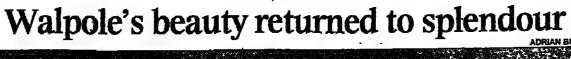


Continued from page 1 predictions from the BCC folow a sharp slowdown in the rate of job losses during March and expectations from truck manufacturers, normally considered a good economic sign, that demand

is rising.

Despite their hopes that output is now about to rise again, companies said they would continue to shed workers. Richard Brown, director of policy at BCC, said that job s normally continue for

number out of work, just over 2.7 million, will increase to almost three million by the year end. The study also found a "worrying" weakness in investment spending. However, there were signs here too that an improvement might be around the corner. Mr Middleton rejected any suggestion that expectations might be disappointed. "We have seen an improving trend for four successive quarters."





Simon Rumsey, house steward of Osteriey Park, in west London, inspects newly completed restoration work in the main entrance hall. The house, originally Elizabethan, was substantially altered and redecorated by Robert Adam (John Young writes). After the collapse of plasterwork on owners of the property, the National Trust, undertook an urgent survey which revealed that the plasterwork in the eating room and the drawing room were also at risk. Both rooms have

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century, when the drawing room was described by Hugh Walpole as "the most superb and beautiful that can be ed". The work was carried out during last year and the early months the public last month. Mr Rumsey said yesterday that he had spent about 100 hours during the winter cleaning the plasterwork with a hogs-hair brush and a special conservation detergent.

Northern Ireland will be wet and windy but some western

Outlook: rain slowly clearing, brighter with showers, windy.

"It has been a gruelling task," he added. "However, so many people have remarked on how wonderful the rooms look that I feel it has all been worthwhile." Further work will include the installation of ultra-violet filters to protect the interior and con-tents from sunlight damage, and improvements in security and life precautions. In the grounds, which form the only surviving complete 18th century estate in Greater London, dowsing was used to discover the layout of the original pleasure gardens.

Bosnia battles threaten peace talks

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was also seriously wounded in shelling of Slavonski Brod just inside Croatia's border with Bosnia, a nurse said.

Colm Doyle, Lord Carring-

ton's representative in Sarajevo. condemned as "intolerable" the use of the hospital as a fortified position. Serb fighters resisting the international recognition of Bosnia have encircled the city. Fighting was also reported

in the northwestern towns of Derventa, Bihac and Bosanska Krupa, with Serb irregulars now targeting areas with Muslim majorities in what appears to be an attempt to grasp Bosnian territory on all fronts as rapidly as possible. In Srebrenica, near the eastern Bosnian border with Serbia, nine Serbs and 20 Muslims were reported dead as Muslims continued to resist the occupation of the town by Serb paramilitaries.

The fighting in Bosnia has also destabilised neighbouring Croatia. Five people were reported killed in attacks on the Croatian frontline towns: of Osijek and Vinkovci. Croatian radio said more than 30 shells had landed on Slavonski Brod during the day, and more than 100 on Bosanski Brod, inside Bosnia.

Croatian radio said in an unconfirmed report that a Yugoslav air force MiG21 had been shot down near Mostar, in southwestern Bosnia, and that part of the city had come under mortar fire. Nearby areas were said to have been bombarded by three planes. In the village of Grude, "there are many injured people, mostly refu-gees," said Croatian radio.

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the 🖫 UN secretary-general, has approved plans for sending a UN team of about 100 observers to Mostar, officials said yesterday. The deployment will become effective from April 30.

General Satish Nambiar, commander of the UN protection forces being deployed in Croatia, and whose headquarters are in Sarajevo, said the fighting would not alter his plans. "The bad developments and spreading clashes are not going to influence the planned arrival and deploy ment of UN peace forces," he said in Knin, a Serb-held town in southern Croatia.

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Viscount takes short cut to Lords

By JILL SHERMAN POLITICAL COMPESPONDENT

VISCOUNT Cranborne, the new defence under-secretary, is taking a short cut to the House of Lords through a procedure invoked only three times in the past 300 years. The former Conservative MP, who resigned from his

South Dorset seat at the 1987 general election, is to be summoned to the House of Lords as Lord Cecil under a writ of acceleration, Downing Street announced yesterday. Under this procedure the son of a marquess, duke, earl or visfather's barony to sit in the House of Lords before his father dies. Lord Cecil will go through

the same formal introduction in the Lords next week as if



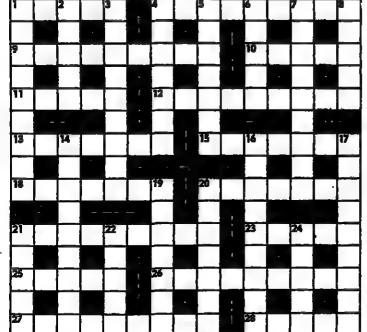
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father, the Marquess of Salisbury, had died and he peerage. No new peerage will be created, however, and when the marquess dies Lord Cecil will have the choice of succeeding to that title. The fast-track procedure

appoint someone to the Lords without having to go through the more cumbersome procedure of a new peerage. If a new peer is created, the Crown office has to prepare a warrant for the Queen's signature. The Lord Chancellor then prepares the letters pai-ent, a handwritten document sealed with the Great Seal of the Realm. Lord Cecil will merely get a typewritten sum-mons sealed with the less grand Wafer Great Seal, as he would have done on suc-ceeding his father.

The last writ of acceleration Willoughby de Eresby, son of the Earl of Ancaster. Viscount Cranborne's grandfather was summoned to the Lords as Lord Cecil by a writ of acceleration in 1941.

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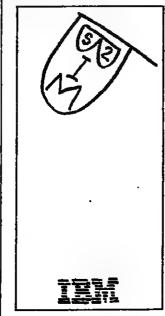
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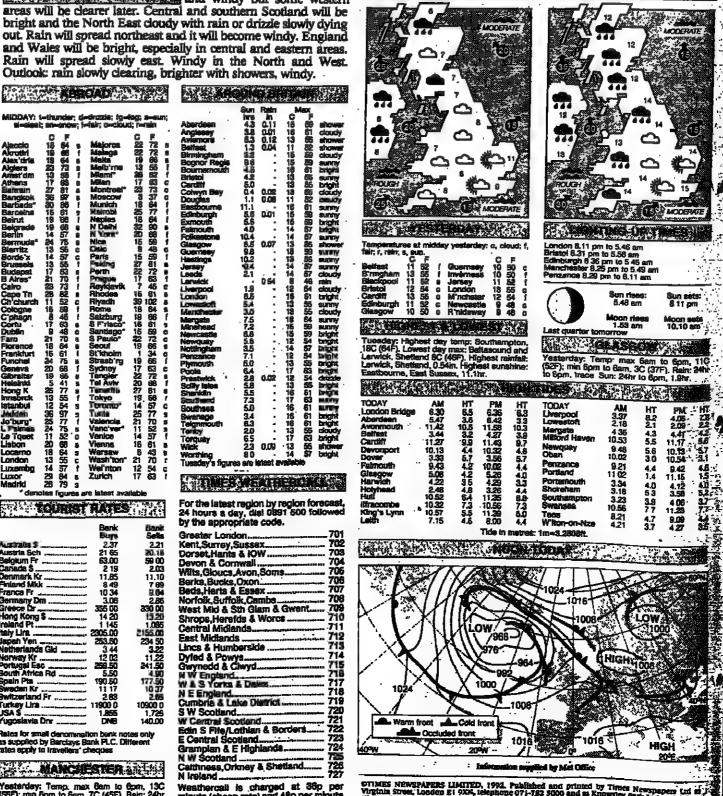
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Privatisation is the "ultimate test" for Britain's shrinking and uncompetitive mining industry — and for Tim Eggar, the new energy minister Page 21

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Austin Reed, the men's and women's clothing retailer, has cut its dividend for the first time in 40 years Page 19

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Accountants are under growing pressure to disclose more financial information, writes Robert Bruce Page 25

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Sterling close to central ERM parity

Pound soars on demand from abroad

BY ANATOLE KALETSKY, ECONOMICS EDITOR

A SURGE of demand from the Middle East and South-East Asia sent the pound sharply higher yesterday, as international investors began to accumulate sterling to finance bids in the £2.5 billion gilt-edged auction an-nounced by the Bank of England for next Wednesday.

The pound rose 2 plennigs against the German mark and more than a cent against the dollar in early morning trading, before stabilising in the afternoon at around DM2.93 and \$1.7580.

On the ERM grid of ex-change rates, the pound rose above the French franc and Danish crown to stand only 0.7 per cent below its central parity against the mark. Until the Conservatives' unexpected victory in the general election, the pound had languished almost continuously at the bottom of the

The foreign exchange mar-ket shrugged off weaker than expected money supply fig-ures for March as old news that merely reflected consumer uncertainty ahead of the election. Analysts also refused to be perturbed by the second consecutive day of falling equity prices, arguing that this was no more than a technical correction at the end of an exceptionally strong three-week account period.

Apart from the internation-al demand for pounds ahead

of the Bank of England's gilt auction, the main factor powering the sterling rally was investors' growing conviction that Norman Lamont

planned no early reduction in interest rates. Although the government was clearly determined to see an economic recovery begin by the sum-mer, the election campaign suggested that John Major's personal inclination might be to put further downward pressure on inflation. With industrialists and retailers

widely predicting recovery even at present interest rates, the government was likely to heed Treasury and Bank of England advice that the benefits of previous interest rate reductions had not yet been fully felt. Steve Barrow, a foreign ex-

change economist at Chemi-cal Bank, said: "There is now no political pressure on the government to cut interest rates and it seems happy to wait until the pound is firmly established around DM2.95 before considering a cut."

With the government's con-clusive election victory apparently ruling out any devalu-ation of sterling or ERM realignment, international investors are strongly drawn to interest rates in London,



Lamont: firm on rates

which are still far above those in Frankfurt, Paris and other leading European capital

Analysts were widely pre-dicting yesterday that sterling would rise before long to its ERM central parity of DM2.95. At that point, how-ever, further gains might encounter stronger resistance amid renewed concerns about lower interest rates and the uncertain prospects of

economic recovery.
Yesterday, there were ambiguous indicators about the prospects for recovery. While the Association of British Chambers of Commerce produced its most optimistic survey for 18 months, predicting that the recession was all but over, money supply figures for March suggested that spending had remained weak, at least before the

. Individuals and companies repaid debts during the month rather than take on new lending, the Bank of England said. The M4 measure of lending showed a sur-plus of £500 million last month, in sharp contrast to City estimates of a £1.5 billion outflow from banks and building societies. M0, the measure of notes and coins in circulation, grew at an annual rate of 2.2 per cent last

month, as in February.

The modest growth of Britain's money supply contrasts starkly with rapid monetary growth in Germany, which has been cited by the Bundesbank as the reason why interest rates will have to

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Olympia & York holds talks with British government

BY NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

OLYMPIA & York, the troubled Canadian property group, has appealed to bankers in the City to lend it £110 million, to fund the Canary Wharf development in Docklands for the next three

Steve Miller, the group's special adviser who is masterminding the restructuring of its \$12 billion debt, also revealed that O&Y is having two sets of talks with the British government. One is over the future of the Jubilee line extension to Canary Wharf, while Oay is also trying to secure a senior government department as a key

tenant for the development. Mr Miller met bankers at the offices of Allen & Overy, O&Y's solicitor. In response to demands from the banks last week, he handed out a 100-page dossier containing further details of the company's financial position over the next five years. These included valuations of Canary Wharf and details of a disposal programme that will help to reduce the group's debts.

The dossier also included a day-by-day forecast of the group's cash flow-over the next 90 days while it puts together its debt restructuring proposals.

At a press conference afterwards, Mr Miller said there had been a good exchange of information and that O&Y believed it had the continued support of its lenders.

Sixteen banks were represented, including Barclays and Lloyds. The banks come from two syndicates. These are the main group of 11 construction lenders, which have lent £500 million to Canary Wharf, and a syndicate of five equity lenders whose debts are secured on Canadi-

The talks will continue tomorrow, once the banks have time to digest the new infor-mation. The banks must also decide which of them should advance the new money.

Bankers said that it was unlikely they would advance the full sum immediately but would offer sufficient funds to

continue while talks went on. O&Y is also asking for the banks to extend the ES2 million short-term facility they advanced last month.

in Canada, O&Y scored a significant success when lenders, which are thought to include the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and the Royal Bank of Canada, agreed to lend the company US\$30 million to allow dis cussions to continue. O&Y wants to borrow a total of C\$75 million (£37 million) to fund its operations in Canada for the next three months.

Mr Miller said he hoped the Jubilee line would be finished on time in 1996 but did not detail how O&Y will fund its £400 million commitment

to the project. He stressed that O&Y intended to repay all principal interest to the banks. Within 90 days we want to

all major lenders to the company so we can put to rest any questions about the continuing viability of the

Will they, won't they? William Purves (left), whose Hougkong Bank is bidding for Sir Peter Walters' Midland **Vickers** fails to sell Rolls to Toyota chairman, are thought to op-

BY FIRST TURNAN INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT SHAREHOLDERS in Vickers are expected to con-front Sir David Plastow, the chairman, today after the company confirmed it had for support for his own bank's £3.1 billion offer. tried to sell Rolls-Royce Mo-

er, to Toyota, the Japanese vehicle maker. Vickers has been seeking an outside group to buy Rollssociety than a bank. expertise to assist in develop-

ing new models.
However, Shoichiro Toyoda, president of Toyota, said in Japan his company had broken off talks because it "did not have enough time" to consider the acquisition.

tor Cars, the luxury carmak-

There were signs that Vickers, a diversifed engineering group, was anxious to complete a deal before today's meeting, or before Sir David's retirement at the end of next month. A Vickers spokesman said the company would continue exploratory

talks with other groups.

Toyota had been regarded as one of the most promising potential partners for Rolls-Royce. The Japanese manuhundreds of millions of pounds in a British manufacturing plant at Burnaston. Derbyshire.

Vickers remains adamant that it has no urgent need to find a buyer or partner for Rolls-Royce, which has been savaged by a collapse in demand for huxury cars. The company has responded by cutting costs. It should now be able to achieve a profit by making fewer than 2,000 vehicles a year. Although the company may sell only 1,700 cars this year, analysts expect it to break even in the second the year of less than £15

Hongkong Bank pours scorn on possible Lloyds counterbid

BY OUR BANKING CORRESPONDENT

pose a hostile bid.

WILLIAM Purves, the chairman of HSBC Holdings, yes-terday responded angrily to suggestions that Lloyds Bank might launch a counterbid for Midland Bank, and called

He said a bid by Lloyds would be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission; even if it were successful, the merged group would be more like a building

His comments were made after reports that Lloyds directors would decide tomorrow whether to launch a counterbid. Barings, Lloyds' merchant banking adviser, is said to be standing ready.

Brian Pitman, Lloyds chief executive, has been visiting institutions in America but is due to return to London. He is said to favour an offer, but other Lloyds directors, including Sir Jeremy Morse, the

ing 20,000 to the unemployment figures, but Mr Purves has come to the growth of an internation-

London to convince institutional investors to back the bid from HSBC, the holding company of Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. The 378p a share all-paper offer met strong resistance from investors when it was launched last week. Many had expected more than 400p a share, together with a cash element.

"Ours is a positive story about a new international bank in London, not something that would look more like a building society." Mr Purves said. "There are already enough building societ-

ies in Britain." Reports suggest that a mer-ger of Midland and Lloyds would lead to more than 1,000 branch closures and 20,000 job losses. Mr Purves commented: "We are not proposing a contraction, or add-

He added that any bid by a UK clearer would be referred to the MMC, while referral of HSBC's offer was unlikely. During that period, Midland customers and staff would have a very worrying time and some would

If HSBC won the bid, it hoped to expand into the Continent. Mr Purves suggested that it would approach continental banks for strategic alliances or special correspondent relationships, something HSBC has already examined. "Europe is a huge market both for investment and for trade," he said. "It will pick itself up again and people will start looking for growth areas."

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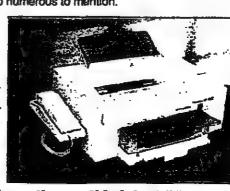
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Plugging the hole in Abbey's float

By Sara McConnell

THE loudest applause at Abbey National's annual meeting yesterday were reserved for the unexpected news that a gang suspected of gouging cashpoints out of the walls of the bank's branches with stolen JCBs had been arrested in Romford, London, in the early hours of yesterday

Abbey's board was clearly relieved that the appearance of yet another gap in the wall where the diamond-shaped hole in the wall should be be a thing of the past. However, the 1,400 shareholders at the meeting left the board in no doubt that other problems were looming large and demanded an-

The size of audience in the Great Room at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London's



Tugendhat: sixth letter

Park Lane reflected the vast scale of Abbey's flotation in 1989. Shareholders were reminded that they were the lucky ones, having been allocated shares in the catalogue of confusion surrounding the Sotation.

Sir Christopher Tugendhat, Abbey's chairman, preempted the inevitable by suggesting that the "sorry question about what the episode" should be ended by question about what the

company was going to do with the 400,000 allocations of 100 shares that have still not been claimed nearly three years after the flota-The company had written to these shareholders five

times, he said, and was about to write again. After July 12, the third anniversary of the flotation, Abbey could sell the shares. That did not mean that shareholders could not claim them back, he added; they could do so at any time in the next eight years. One option could be to endow the Abbey's charita-ble trust with the shares, worth about £100 million.

This idea struck a chord with several shareholders. One made a brave attempt to contest a proposal to change the company's rules on advertising unclaimed shares

giving the money to chari-ties, including Shelter, an apt outlet for a company whose main wealth is in residential property.

The investor was massively outvoted despite attracting

four seconders to his

proposal He should have foreseen this, given the reception of a fellow shareholder, who, with similar charitable intent called for the final dividend to be held at last year's 9.5p per share instead of the pro posed 10.5p per share. The money saved should be used to top up Abbey's £60 million mortgage rescue scheme to help those threatened with repossession and should be boosted with receipts from the phased sales of unwant-

ed shares. The proposal was not allowed to proceed because enough notice.

GE accused of fixing prices on diamonds

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

FBI investigators and Justice Department officials are to probe the \$600 million industrial diamond market after allegations that General Electric conspired with South African companies to create a price-fixing cartel.

A spokesman for GE, one of America's largest industrial companies and not linked to the UK's GEC, said: "We are undertaking a comprehensive internal investigation and will co-operate fully with the government enquiry. But based on our current information, we have no reason to believed that an anti-trust violation occurred."

The enquiry follows a suit filed by Edward Russell, a former GE divisional executive. In a wide-ranging suit, which includes the allegation that one GE manager spent \$20,000 in corporate funds to visit prostitutes in Bangkok, Mr Russell daims he was wrongfully dismissed by GE last November after he protested about efforts to fix

Mr Russell was president of GE's Superabrasives division, which manufactures industrial diamonds and employs 2,000 people at a plant in Dublin. His suit

states that along with companies linked to De Beers Consolidated Mines of South Africa, Superabrasives controis 90 per cent of the industrial diamond market.

Mr Russell, 54, who began working with GE in 1974, claims that one executive held a secret meeting with De Beers last Sentember.

Mr Russell also claims he discovered a kickback scheme in 1987, which was found to breach GE policies, but the company took no disciplinary action. He has also claimed that GE engaged in a share transaction to inflate the profits of its plastics company.
GE said in a statement:

"During the two years he (Mr Russell) was vice president, the earnings of his business dropped nearly 50 per cent and he did not make his budget either year.
"He had severe leadership

difficulties and GE hired a professional management consultant to help him im-prove his skills with his subordinates, peers, managers and customers. This turned out to be unsuccessful as the business results continued to deteriorate and his leadership skills did not improve. We



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said the £20 million profit beaten turnover and operat- tax loss was almost forecast for 1992 was unlikeing loss forecasts made at the unchanged at £35 million, ly to be met. Tempus, page 20

O'Reilly sues Fairfax for £76m

FROM BRIAN BUCHANAN IN SYDNEY

Cowan, the chairman, said

that the group had received legal advice that the claim

A CLAIM for damages, totalling A\$175 million (£76 million), by Dr Tony O'Reilly, the Irish businessman, has forced John Fairfax Holdings to issue a supplementary prospectus for its flotation of the newspaper group. Applica-tion lists for Fairfax shares close tomorrow and the stock is due to be listed on May 7.

Dr O'Reilly's Independent Newspapers consortium lost to the Tourang consortium, led by Conrad Black, the Canadian publisher, in the battle for Fairfax.

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director, said that Fairfax claims against John Fairfax Holdings, formerly the Tourwould advertise in newspapers from today. The adver-tisements would show the ang consortium. It is claiming an alleged breach of the cross-media rules of the amount and nature of the Broadcasting Act and an alclaim to inform investors who leged breach of sections of the had already subscribed for Pairfax shares. Prospectuses Trade Practices Act, involvissued shortly would contain ing Tourang's agreement with the American-based an attached notice of the holders of junk bonds under Mr Black, Fairfax's deputy chairman, and Sir Zelman

the previous Fairfax regime. The action is set down for a directions hearing in the federal court in two weeks. If it goes ahead it is not expected to be heard until later this

Reece passes final payout

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

REECE, the fastener suppli-er, door panels maker and distributor of cycles and cycle components, is not paying a final dividend after a deterioration in trading conditions in the second half.

The company blamed the "deepest and longest" recession ever experienced for a second-half trading loss. It made pre-tax profits of £403,000 in the year to end-December, against £415,000 in the previous period, which was for 15 months.

Reece said trading conditions deteriorated as the year progressed, with the record number of business failures leading to unprecedented bad debts. Lower levels of business and intense price competition in the second half led to a loss.

Turnover rose to £14.2 million, against £11.7 million in the comparative 15-month period. The company said trading has continued to be difficult in the first three months of this year, although there are signs of an improvement in demand.

There was an extraordinary debit of £30,000. Earnings per share slipped to 0.46p, against 0.63p last time.

Reece declared an interim dividend of 0.1p, the company's first interim payout for a number of years. There was no final dividend for the previous 15-month period. The shares were unchanged at 5p after the announcement of

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Kingston Oil drills to doubled profits

KINGSTON Oil & Gas, the energy company, has doubled pre-tax profits to £1.2 million on turnover of £6.3 million (£3.4 million) during the year to end-December. The company said the results reflected progress in the drilling programme in America, where oil and gas reserves grew 12 per cent, and the first full contribution from Orcol, the company's oil recycling subsidiary. Current trading is said to exceed the levels achieved in the second half of last year. Ray Chambers, the chairman, said he expects progress to be maintained during 1992.

The company ended the year with cash in the bank and said that it did not expect any significant borrowings during the current year because of the strength of its cash flow. A final 1.5p dividend makes a total 2.5p (1.56p), paid from earnings of 9.01p — an 85 per cent increase.

Dencora pegs payout

NET asset value of Dencora, a housebuilding and property company, shrank from 280p to 228p a share and pre-tax profits fell from £2.21 million to £404.000 in the year to December. Dencora says its substantial distributable reserves made it possible to hold the total dividend at 5.5p a share "in these more difficult times". Any improvement in housebuilding this year will be modest, and the commercial property market remains difficult, the company adds. The shares rose 3p to 118p.

Jessups back in black

LOWER interest payments helped Jessups, the Essex motor dealer and vehicle leasing group, to a pre-tax profit of £189,000 in the six months to end-February (£189,000 loss). Restructuring and cost cutting also enabled the return to profit. Turnover, however, was £38.3 million (£45 million). Group borrowings were down £1.3 million, with interest payments down from £1.49 million to £978,000. The loss per share was 0.24p (3.94p loss). The interim dividend is maintained at 1.5p. The shares firmed 3p to 77p.

Rent boost at Bentalls

REDEVELOPMENT in the centre of Kingston upon Thames, south west London, will help Bentalls, the department store chain with seven outlets in the southeast, to pull out of recession. Guaranteed minimum rents from the new Bentall Centre from next September are £1.65 million a. year. Bentalls saw pre-tax profits slump from £3.3 million to £1.4 million in the year to February 1, although turnover held well at £70.9 million. The unchanged final dividend of 3.25p maintains the total at 3.85p.

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Clegg gets payout of £425,000 for his job at Wace

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Ty of £200,000. Mr Clegg said in February that he had no alternative but to resign from Wace following stock market rumours which he and Wace Group

have vigorously denied - of connections with the IRA_ Frans ten Bos, Wace's chairman, said yesterday that the damage to the group had been considerable, and the cost of denying the allegations and Mr Clegg's comensation payment totalled

£850.000. A writ has been served on The Sunday Telegraph. The rumours knocked Wa-

Walker Greenbank maintains payout

WALKER Greenbank, the wall coverings group that completed a two-year restructuring in December, is maintaining its dividend after weathering the worst of the

The payout comes despite a 32.4 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £5.43 million in the year to end-January. Turnover, affected by discontinued activities, fell to £56.8 million (£75.3 million).

Operating profits from the core walkovering business rose 9 per cent to £6.9 million after a £1.9 million contribution from Brymor, the commercial wallpaper maker acquired last year. Like-forlike profits fell to \$4.9 million (£6.2 million).

A 16 per cent drop in commercial wallcoverings, which account for about two thirds of business, compares favourably with a fall in the overall market of almost 30 per cent. Domestic products, aimed at the middle and top

ends of the market, enjoyed a

20 per cent increase. Reorganisation and closure costs more than wiped out a £1.16 million property dis-posal profit, resulting in a 212,000 exceptional charge. There was an extraordinary debit of £685,000. Earnings fell to 4,14p

share, down from 5.63p share last time. The final dividend stays at 1.9p, for an unchanged total of 3.1p.

Meanwhile, the stake held
by Aubin, the Jersey investment group that attempted a boardroom coup last year, is no longer a threat, having

cent to about 12 per cent. The current financial year has started well, the group said. The business is highly operationally geared and any upturn in sales should lead to a healthy improvement in profitability. The shares advanced 3p to 64p.

ce shares from 260p last October to 100p in January. They rose 8p to 127p yesterday following 1991 results to end-December, showing pretax profits of £18.3 million against-£26.5 million and a maintained 8.25p dividend.

Mr Bos said Mr Clegg's departure left a personal word, but had had little effect on the day-to-day running of the group's operations. Wace was not dependent on any one individual and had been head hunting for a new chief executive, he added.

An appointment is likely to be made within three months.

Wace suffered in the reces-

sion with the London and New York advertising downturn hurting the group's pre-press division. Wace's property portfolio was damaged by lower valuations, and in-vestment properties were written down by £8 million.

"It is the board's firm intention to reduce the level of borrowings to a more acceptable level," Mr Bos said, though he warned this may be difficult to achieve in the short term. The group paid £12 million as additional consideration for previous acquisitions in respect of their profit performances in 1991, and expects similar payments to be a maximum £7.4 million in 1992 and around £1.5 million in 1993.

been trimmed from 28 per Wace was co-operating in all respects with a DTI enougry that concerns the ownership of Parkway (bought by Wace in 1990, and 100 per cent owned), Tinsley Robor (20 per cent owned) and European Colour, in which Wace has no interest.

Mr Bos said that the first quarter had given Wace a sound start to 1992.



Nourishing business: Sir Dennis Landau reported investment of £120 million, and said CWS was "in better shape than for years"

CWS squeezes more profit out of lower sales

By DEREK HARRIS

RECESSION bit hard at Cooperative Wholesale Society (CWS) and Sir Dennis Landau, its chief executive, gave warning yesterday that some predictions on the upturn in the economy are too

In the first three mouths of this year, sales of the Co-op's biggest retailer, manufac-turer and wholesaler, which is based in Manchester, have been down marginally on the

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sion was felt by most parts of the business only in the second half of last year, because much of CWS's trading is in the less afflicted North and

CWS trading profits rose by 5.6 per cent to £47.1 milon, on sales approaching £3.2 billion — up from £3 billion. Pre-tax profits, however, plunged 70 per cent to i5.8 million as CWS made an £11 million provision for property development write-

downs. Profits were also hit by heavy interest charges on borrowings that rose 8.5 per cent to £318 million. CWS has pursued a strategy of expansion, and several stores have been opened. Interest charges were

about £25 million last year. For the second year, the Co-operative Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary that has experienced difficulties, did not pay CWS a dividend. Sir Dennis, who will be succeeded by David Skinner

in June after 12 years as chief executive and 21 with CWS, said the engineering and property businesses had suffered setbacks. Neither was likely "for some years" to return to the prosperity of the 1980s, he said,

Sales of investment properties during the year helped to raise £16.5 million. That boosted the final bottom line to £15.5 million, against £12.3 million that went to reserves before.Capital spending was

£120 million, only £15 mil-lion below 1990's record. The result." Sir Dennis said, "is an organisation that is in better shape than it has been for many years and beiter than many other British

companies." CWS has traditionally supplied goods and services to Britain's 65 independent retail co-operative societies. It has also become a big retailer in its own right, accounting for 27 per cent of Co-op retailing.

Capital pleases the market

Shares in Capital Industries advanced 18p to 74p after its final figures. Formerly known as Capital Ventures, it came to market in July following acquisition of Harcourt, the

Pre-tax profits of £1.29 million for the year to end-December came from turn-over of £15.4 million. A comparative profit of £1 miltion relates solely to the origi-nal business of Capital Ventures. A final dividend of 2p has been declared.

Copymore plus Copymore, the office equip-ment distributor, has made 10 per cent more pre-tax profit, up from £931,000 to I million for the year to end

Flying higher Air London International lifted pre-tax profits from £611,000 to £671,000 in the six months to the end of

January, despite turnover down from £8.65 million to

£7.2 million. Interim is up

from 1.4p to 1.6p. No final

Europa, the shopfitter, is passing its final dividend (2.1p) leaving shareholders with 1.5p (3.6p) after pre-tax losses of £2.47 million (£1.5m profit) for the year ended December. Tempus, page 20

Final payout cut by Austin Reed

AUSTIN Reed Group, the clothing retailer, has cut its dividend for the first time in 40 years. The final dividend is being more than halved, from 6.5p to 3p, making 6p (9.5p), after pre-tax profits slipped from £3.55 million to £3.23 million in the year to January 31. Earnings per

share fell to 7.9p (9.5p).

Barry Reed, the chairman hinted six months ago that the final might be in danger after a depressed first half. Now he has added that the interim. which will be declared in October, will be reviewed in the light of conditions at that time and group profitability.

The group, operating from 37 retail branches in Britain and owning three manufacturing companies, including Chester Barrie and Stephens Brothers, saw its turnover contract from £71.6 million to £67.9 million. Men's retail turnover was 2.3, per cent lower, but women's retail turnover rose 2.7 per cent to £11 million. Trading conditions were

difficult throughout the year because of the impact of the Gulf war on the tourist trade, the lack of consumer confidence and higher VAT. Mr Reed says that costs

were cut and staff levels retailored men's and women's duced. He added that the improvement in consumer

> particularly at the upper end of the retail market. Profitability will continue to be under pressure until at least the second half of this financial year, he said. However, the Austin Reed Group was well placed, on both the retail and export fronts, when more favourable trading conditions returned, the chairman said.

confidence would be slow.

The A shares fell 12p to 136p when the results were



Reed: trading "difficult"

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EVERY PASSENGER GETS THE BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE.

Software forgery Cookson reshapes ring broken up top team FROM REUTER IN REDMOND, WASHINGTON STATE Because from 1st May we

largest software company, said it had broken up an international counterfeit software ring with the help of authorities in Taiwan. Hong Kong and China.

Up to 75,000 illicit copies of Microsoft software are thought to have been funnelled into international distribution channels each month. They included copies of the MS-DOS operating system and of the company's Windows graphic operating environment.

five raids uncovered groups responsible for producing fake manuals, diskenes and packages, including the distinctive hologram Microsoft uses to try to prevent forgeries.

Microsoft estimates that betweeen 450,000 and 3 million counterfeit copies of the company's holograms might have been forged before the operation was shut down.

MICROSOFT, the world's Seized products include copies of English, French, German, Italian and Swedish versions of MS-DOS, destined for Asia. Australia. Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and the United States.

Bill Neukom, Microsoft's vice president in charge of law and corporate affairs, said: "We will not stand by and watch as counterfeiters attempt to fool our customers with false goods. We will pros-

Microsoft is pursuing litigation against Fong Shu Gwong, a suspect caught in the Taiwan raids, and the Shenzhen Reflective Materials Institute, in China. Suspects face jail and fines if convicted. The company began a six-month investigation last October. According to the Business

Software Alliance, software

piracy cost the industry \$12

billion to \$14 billion in 1990.

COOKSON Group, the industrial materials company, is restructuring its senior management, leaving it without a financial officer on the board. Fergus Munro, 49, stands down as finance director and will not be replaced.

financial controller, becomes chief financial officer, reporting to Richard Oster, group managing director. Robert Malpas, the chairman, said Mr Munro's departure was part of a "slimming down" of the head office organisation.

Ian Barr, 58, currently group

□ Cookson has bought the 50 per cent of Stern Leach it did not own from Leach & Garner for \$18 million cash. Cookson said Leach & Garner exercised its put option for Cookson to acquire the stake. Last year, Stern Leach, which supplies precious metal products, made a pre-tax loss of \$2 million. It traded profitably in the first quarter

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Squaring of positions wipes out gains

THE resurgence in the tained as investors began takstrength of the pound against its main rivals on world markets failed to have any impact on the stock market, which saw an early lead wiped out and closed lower. Dealers said the reasons for the fall were mainly technical and were related to the squaringup of positions as the volatile

Credit Lyonnais Laing's preview of companies reporting soon recommends Next, down ap at 79 2p, Burnzl, off 1p at 102p, Marley, up 2p at 132p. Rugby, 2p firmer at 215p, Smiths Industries, down 1p at

314p, and Wimpey, up 9p

at 185p. It says they should benefit quickly from any economic upturn. three-week account begins drawing to a close. The expiry of the April series of traded options and a softer trend in the futures market for the June series accelerated the

falls in after-hours' trading. The FT-SE 100 index ended at its low of the day, down 18 points at 2,607.8, having been 15.4 points higher at the opening. Selling was con-

ing profits and, by the close, 617 million shares had been traded. Government securities were able to capitalise on sterling's strength and the revived hopes of a cut in interest rates. Prices at the

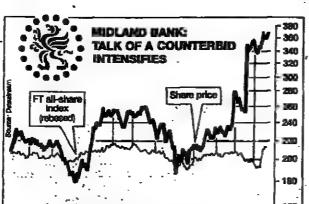
City speculation that Lloyds Bank, 4 p dearer at 395 p. may decide to top the agreed £3.1 billion offer by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank for the Midland Bank lifted Midland 6p to 366p with more than 14 million shares changing hands.

325p, Royal Bank of Scot-

longer end rose by almost £12.

William Purves, the chairman of the HSBC, the Hongkong Bank's parent, is warning Midland's shareholders that a rival bid from Lloyds would almost certainly be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. It is believed that Lloyds will decide on Friday whether to make a bid. Some fund managers take the view that the terms from HSBC are too

The rest of the banks enjoyed selective support, with Barclays 1p dearer at 335p,



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Scotland 1p at 115p. Abbey National was a dull market, losing 11 up to 299 up after a

gloomy annual meeting. Wellcome fell 40p to £10.74 on worries about competition for Retrovir, its anti-

land 4p at 176p and Bank of Roche, the Swiss pharmaceuticals group, has received approval from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to market its own treatment, DDC. However, DDC can only be administered after being mixed with Retrovir. In Aids treatment. Hoffman La fact, the FDA is insisting that

the board. Brokers said the

surge was probably due to

lack of buying opportunities

HK climbs to record

Hong Kong - The Hang demand for blue chips across Seng index shot up 95.94 points, or 1.88 per cent, to a record 5,189.03 at the close on a late spurt of overseas

the average daily dosage of all intensified before Victorial Retrovir, when combined annual meeting today. No with DDC, be increased. Hanson cased 2p to

234 up as Hoare Govert, the company's broker, decided to trim its profit forecasts for the current year and next year by 5 per cent, to £1.13 billion and £1.27 billion respectively. This came as Hanson announced plans to raise £500 million by a fixed-rate bond. This latest fundraising is bound to revive talk that the group may soon decide to dispose of its near 3 per cent stake in ICI, up 12p at £13.66. Hanson paid £11.94 for its stake last year, but will have to strip out the carrying

Shares in Dowly, the aerospace and electronics group, climbed 11p to 14Sp, benefiting from more bid speculation. TI Group, down 19p at 716p, and Smiths Industries, lp lower at 314p, are being

tipped as possible predators. Vickers eased 2 p to 164p after confirming that it has been having talks with various companies about the sale of its Rolls-Royce cars

Speculation about a dispos

WALLSTREET

New York - Shares remained under mild pressure in the late morning as investors consolidated their gains made last week. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 5.25 points to 3,338.

from their lows for the day, to which they fell in the early afternoon, to close moderately firmer in choppy trading. The Nikkei index closed up 51.79 points, or 0.31 per cent, at 16,839.12. (Reuter)

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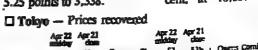
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would fall materially below the forecast made last year. TVS Entertainment moved deeper into the red The

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Silentnight, Britain's

biggest supplier of beds, rose 5p to 236p after a

James Capel. The full-

year figures, out soon,

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Seatbelts fastened for Dan-Air's long-haul recovery

ONE election does not a summer make, but international travel saw green profits in the current year will fall significantly short of the £20 million forecast at shoots sprouting almost as soon as the polling booths closed. Dan-Air, Britain's second-biggest airline, has enjoyed a 20 per cent increase in passengers since April 9. The news could not have come a day too soon for Davies & Newman, the parent company, which yesterday reported results for a year in which recovery re-mained frustratingly out of

Under the leadership of David James, the company doctor, Davies & Newman has made huge strides for what appeared to be a terminally sick company in 1990. Nevertheless, the economic dustry has taken its toll and Mr James gave warning that the time of last summer's financial reconstruction. Setbacks included delays

in securing approval for two new routes to Cairo and Istanbul, the unexpected doubling of overflying charges and, most im-portantly, the continuing poor performance of the economy. Sustained recovery, if it comes, will probably arrive too late to rescue 1992 from disappointment. A small profit, of about £10 million, seems the most likely outcome, but a breakeven performance is still a possibility. Either way, there will be no dividend before

mains uncertain, the shares remain largely sentimentdriven, hence yesterday's 10 per cent fall in the share price to 90p. But Davies & Newman could be one of the more spectacular benefi-ciaries of the recovery and Mr James's record is an impressive one. A long-haul buy, but expect some tur-bulence en route.

Havelock Europa

THE sign of recovering health at any company where corporate doctor Sir Lewis Robertson holds the chair is on. But the doctor looks like staying with Havelock Eu-ropa, the shopfitter, for a while after 1991 pre-tax losses of £2.47 million compared with previous pre-tax profits of £1.5 million, and the decision to pass the final

considerably lower in the second half of 1991, but the weaker economic conditions that made store owners rejuctant to spend in 1991 have spilled over into the opening months of 1992. A poor first half is in store, though perhaps Havelock

might make a profit in the second half. The group aims to extend its shoplitting expertise that embraces work for Marks and Spencer and Boots The Chemist, to take in the finan-

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More medicine: Sir Lewis Robertson stays on

cial services sector and food retailers. An order from 1992 and be modest in 1993, Safeways has just been se- so a prospective price earn-Hospu and other travel centres are

Management, meanwhile, has been strengthened to cater for new product areas, and costs remain under tight control. There has been a pay pause throughout the group and gearing is at a manage-able 50 per cent level.

However, customers need to be more open with their purse strings and the overall economy more lively before Havelock is likely to report meaningful profits again.

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Profits could breakeven in shares fell 17p to 60p yes-terday, and will only seri-ously bounce when profits— and dividends— are

Greenbank

WALKER Greenhank appears to have weathered the worst of the recessionary storm. The wallcoverings group, where Charles Wightness is chief greenting is

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maintaining its dividend de-spite a 32.4 per cent decline in pre-tax profits to £5.43 million in the year to end-

tions and the ability to pass on small price rises helped operating margins climb from 9.1 per cent to 10.3 per cent. A 16 per cent drop in commercial wallcoverings compares favourably with an overall market decline of around 20 group's domestic products enjoyed a healthy 20 per cent increase. around 30 per cent. The

Year-end borrowings of 1.7 million represented gearing of 6.8 per cent, although £1.5 million relating to leasing has not been included in the borrowings, pushing gearing to about 11 per cent. With 13 million of earnouts due in the current period, Martin Hynes, fiing to climb to no more than

15 or 20 per cent this year. The current financial year has started well, with turnover up about 5 per cent.
Andy Yeo, at Hoare Govett,
is looking for this year's pretax profits to advance to £6.6 million, giving earnings of 4.9p, a share. This puts the shares on 13 times prospec-tive earnings. The shares are fairly rated but can be ex-pected to perform when eco-nomic recovery becomes reality.







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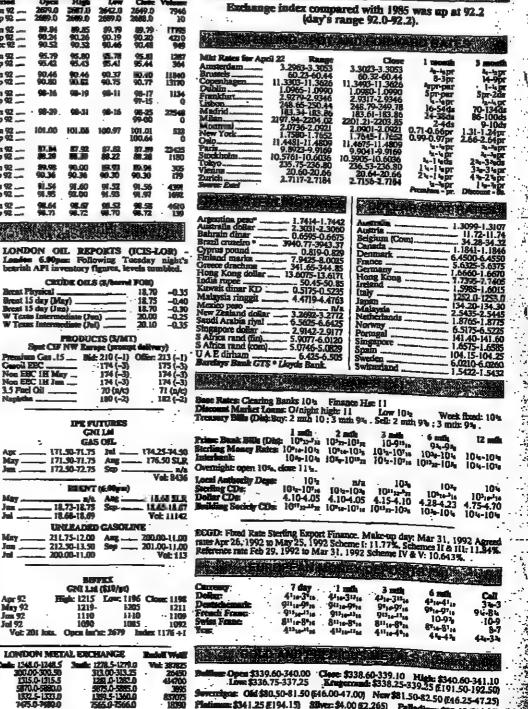
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Lloyds threatens banking choice

idland Bank shareholders have some tough questions to face over the next few weeks. Is the best way forward for Midland to be cannibalised by its high street rival Lloyds or through a parmership with Hongkong Bank that will create a truly international group ranking among the dozen or so largest banks in the world?

This alternative is being offered in an oblique, unsatisfactory way via leaks from the highest levels inside the Lloyds boardroom through the bank's senior advisers. The delivery of the alternative to a bid from Hongtone Bank may be importantional bid from Hongkong Bank may be unconventional, but the message is obvious enough for all that. Lloyds has made it clear, mainly through briefings to the Financial Times that if Midland shareholders reject Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, then Lloyds stands ready to make an offer of its own. And Lloyds has already made at least one convert. Continuing in the idiosyncratic vein that led it to support Labour on election day, the FT yesterday advocated a bid by Lloyds that would probably lead to 20,000 job losses and a property blight on countless high streets in Britain.

It may be true that Lloyds could offer more to Midland shareholders than the terms currently on the table from Hongkong. Its shares are highly rated and at a premium to asset value. And that is quite properly a matter for Midland shareholders to consider. But it would be quite wrong to think that the regulators would give anything but short shrift to Lloyds. Viewed narrowly in terms of cost cutting and returns on capital, there might indeed be huge savings to be squeezed from a combined Midland/Lloyds. But then Britain's banking business would be a three-horse affair with customer choice and competition severely limited. The Lloyds line, when taken to its logical end, suggests that a banking monopoly might be a fine thing in terms of low cost high return banking.

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There may indeed be overcapacity in personal banking thanks to the pressures from building societies. But try telling small businessmen that there are too many sources of mainstream banking finance. And with the withdrawal of the Japanese and some American capacity from the British market, even large corporate borrowers do not always find a great deal of significantly different alternatives at their disposal.

In truth, Lloyds may be motived by the fear that post a Midland link with Hongkong Bank it will be the weakest of our leading banks. Lloyds badly needs a deal and may not worry too much about the social and other costs. But as our regulators know only too well. British business needs more choices and more competition in banking, not less.

Buoyant sterling

The pound is back above DM2.93, a level last seen in early September after the most recent cut in base rates. Refound confidence in Britain's economic and political prospects has coincided with a weaker mark to push sterling steadily towards its ERM central rate of DM2.95. Demand for pounds linked to big gilt issues and reduced hopes of a rushed base rate cut have helped too. Yet there appears to be a fundamental shift in market perception. It has sunk in that a new regime is in place. The revolution that swept France has crossed the Channel. The election left the government intact, but killed off the devaluationists. Britain's hope is that the pound will hold convincingly enough for the government to formalise the tighter ERM limits, and cut base rates, during the second half of this year, regardless of the Bundesbank, which may still be grappling with domestic problems.

Eggar, the new boy, inherits the hard sell at British Coal

The 'ultimate privatisation' is likely

to be one of the

trickiest as the market for coal shrinks.

says Ross Tieman

warm, grit-filled gale blasts through the underground corridors of Malthy Col-liery in Nottinghamshire. The floor is buckled upward underfoot, the roof supports twisted by settlement of the rock above. At the coal face, a miner guides the mas-sive shearing machine that chews out the seam, pouring crushed coal on to a conveyor that sweeps the black rock away into the gloom.

Two other grimy figures advance the hydraulic roof supports as the cutting equipment makes progress. Behind them, the rock settles with creaks and grouns, sending showers of grit through the gaps. At each end of the coal face, over a hundred feet apart, two gangs of men work to develop the access tunnels.

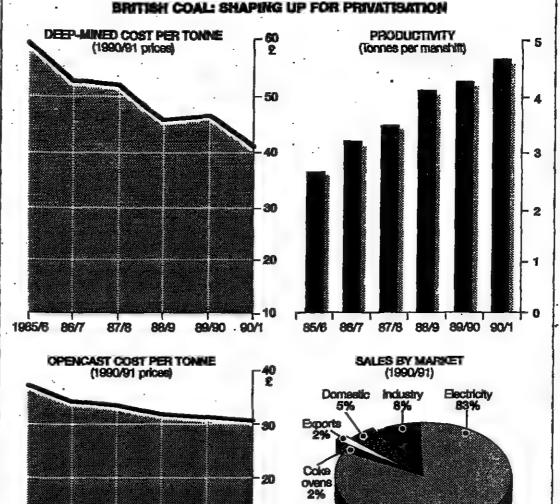
Despite the small number of workers in evidence, Malthy em-ploys 1,200 men. Most are engaged in support operations: moving in supplies, building and repairing roadways, and developing new faces. The two cutting faces at the pit together produce more than 3,000 tonnes of coal a day, or 1.3 million tonnes a year, out of a total deep mine production by British Coal Corporation, the state mining company, of 70.5 million tonnes.

A year ago, BCC had 65 such mines. Today, there are 50. The number of miners has shrunk by 14,000 to 44,000, but a huge investment in improved technology has enabled BCC to maintain its output volume. That productivity programme will soon face the ultimate gramme will soon fact the unimage test: privatisation. The Queen's speech at the state opening of Parilament on May 6 is likely to contain an enabling bill paving the way to return BCC to the private sector.

The sale of British Coal, described by Cecil Parkinson, a former Conby Cecil Parkinson, a former Con-servative energy secretary, as the "ultimate privatisation", is being prepared. The minister charged with implementing Mr Parkinson's pledge to sell the business is Tim Eggar, who has been handed the energy portfolio in the expanded trade and industry department led by Michael Heseltine.

Mr Eggar has a reputation for being tough and determined. He is likely to need both those qualities, substantial productivity achieve ments since the end of the year-long pit strike in March 1985, British Coal is an uncompetitive business that faces the loss of a large chunk of

In the year to end-March last year, for the first time in decades, BCC made an untaxed profit, of £78 even higher. But the financial pit



props that were put in place to protect British Coal before the priva-tisation of the electricity industry are already being undermined. The electricity generating industry ac-counts for more than 80 per cent of BCC sales. Two generating com-panies, National Power and PowerGen, are required to buy, in total, 65 million tonnes of British coal, and pay more than 50 per cent above the world market price.

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When the three-year contract with these generators expires next March, the generators will hope to import as much coal as transport facilities permit. Coal from Austra-lia, South Africa, China and South America is not only cheaper, it also has a lower sulptur content than the product of British mines. That can help the generators meet their oblibuilding hugely expensive flue gas desulphuris tion equipment at pow-

emissions have belied usurn the role of coal as fuel of first choice for power generation, in favour of natural gas. But the "dash for gas", as Neil Clarke, BCC's chairman, has described it, also has roots in the structure of the power industry pri-

Those same pressures to reduce

vatisation. The concentration of ownership of all the coal-fired power stations in England and Wales in the hands of just two companies is a disaster for British Coal. Many of those coal-fired plants can produce chesper electricity than gas-fired power stations because their construction costs have been written down. But would-be competitors cannot get their hands on them, so they have ordered gas-fired plants, which are relatively cheap to build. To protect their competitive position, and comply with new emis-sions standards, National Power and PowerGen have also ordered

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t present, the amount of gas-fired capacity is small. By 1996, it is estimated, will account for 10,000 measurers of generating capacity, almost a fifth of the total in England and Wales. But because much of the plant will run flat out, round the clock, and because nuclear plants are ringfenced from competition, the impact on coal-fired plants will be disproportionately high.

Whatever the effort to improve productivity and cut costs by the miners at Maltby, and elsewhere, coal will be shut out of a large part of its traditional market. NM Rothshild, the merchant

bank, was hired by the government to draw up plans for the privatisa-tion of Bruish Coal. In its first report, which was leaked, Rothschild calculated that by the mid-1990s there could be as few as 14 deep mines in Britain, assuming opencast production remained at about 15 million tonnes a year. Malcolm Edwards, British Coal's

former commercial director, told a Commons committee that sales of coal for power generation might be little more than 30 million tonnes by 1996. Mr Clarke insists that the outlook is less gloomy, but in statement after statement he has insinted that the future size and shape of the that it is able to negotiate with the generators. With the uncertainty aroused by the election out of the way, those negotiations will now begin in earnest.

British Coal has reduced its prices by 37 per cent in real terms since the end of the strike. The corporation has the advantage of being able to offer firm prices in sterling, linked to

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next three years will depend on its ability to offer further price cuts so as to discourage coal importing. Steady improvements in productivity will enable further price cuts, but not to world market levels.

Beyond the mid-1990s, when the gas-fired plants come on stream, it appears that the shrunken UK coal market will offer only limited scope fo. sales. Uncertainties over possible sales volumes and prices have to be reduced before Mr Eggar can take decisions about an appropriate structure for the British Coal sale.

Some steps are clear. The company's responsibility for licensing exploitation of coal reserves must be removed, and retained by the state. So must liability for subsidence from its past activities.

eyond that, however, Mr Eggar faces tough decisions about how best to sell the business. The minister will be urged to do his best to promote competition, while at the same time preserving a business unit, or units, large enough to be commercially viable. He will also be keen to honour the Conservatives' manifesto commitment to give management and workforce a decent stake in the business.

In its first report, Rothschild said the opencast operations, which are profitable, and can match world market prices, should be retained to underpin the deep mines, which have higher costs.

However, the study also highlighted the attractions of splitting the corporation into at least two units. If the corporation's markets are savagely reduced, that may not be possible. New techniques, such as retreat mining, have reduced the uncertainty over the quality of coal seams. But geological faulting and operational imperatives inevitably cause disruption to output from individual pits from time to time.

For that reason, pits need to operate in clusters. In addition, many plts are virtually dedicated to the supply of a particular power station, or group of power stations. The minister's freedom to package pits into groups for sale will be severely constrained. Nonetheless, he may well be able to split the business into two or three parts.

Given all the uncertainties, these are unlikely to be suitable for stock market flotation. A trade sale, to one or more international groups with mining interests, such as Hanson or RTZ, may be possible. A foreign buyer, or buyers, might bring useful management skills to help improve competitiveness. But a management and employee buyout might be even more effective in securing the cor mitment and flexibility needed to improve competitiveness. In practice, several of these may well be used together.

The miners at Malthy know that the coal industry after privatisation will be smaller still than it is today. They have no way of knowing, how-ever, whether their pit will be part of it, or whether it will be just another



CITY DIARY

Women of substance THE May edition of Esquire

magazine is offering a gold-digger's guide to Britain's most eligible millionaire heiresses for young men tired of trying to make a fortune of their own. Top of the list is Paul McCarmey's daughter, Mary, 23, who, like her brother, stands to inherit £190 million. Others the magazine rates worth the chase are the Rothschild sisters, Hannah. 30, Beth, 28, and Emily, 25, daughters of Jacob, now Lord Rothschild. Each could receive about £140 million, the magazine says, if their father shared his fortune instead of leaving it to his son, Nathan. Next come Jessica Sainsbury, 22, worth up to £15 million, and Anita Roddick's daughters, Justine, 23, and Samantha, 21, who should each inherit £55 million. The magazine cautions, however, against any rash pursuit of Natasha Caine, 18. daughter of actor Michael. According to Esquire, Natasha could inherit £13 million but the magazine says it would be an intrepid suitor who tried to take advantage of her while her father is still around. "I know the tricks men get up to," he is quoted as saying. "Been there, seen it, done it. Hell. I invented some of those moves."

Wet nurse

NIGEL Fox-Bassett, senior partner at Clifford Chance, the law firm, was aghast yesterday to learn of speculation that his male colleagues had voted overwhelmingly in favour of having a swimming pool rather than a creche in



"The only encouraging money supply figures are Lord Hanson's."

the basement of the company's new building. Clifford Chance's employees are due to move into the Fitzroy Robinson-designed office complex in Aldersgate, east London, this autumn. Although the swimming pool has already been installed, Fox-Bassett says there was never any question of the creche and pool being mutually exclusive. "We considered them quite separately." he says. "We decided there just wasn't the demand for child-minding facilities." According to Fox-Bassett, both male and female lawyers were consulted but despite 50 per cent of the firm's graduate intake and about 10 per cent of its senior partners being women, there was "not a lot of pressure" for play areas and nursery rooms. Fox-Bassett, a father of two and grandfather to Harriet, six months, — "We've just taken her on holiday to Majorca and she's a terrific girl" - believes, at the end of the day, busy

ed in having to go to work with tiny tots. "I think my wife and myself would proba-bly have felt that way," he says. "Many of the married people here seem to feel that

A SENTOR stockbroker employed by County NatWest Securities was overheard at a dinner party in Chelsea saying: "Unless NatWest Bank improves its performance within the next two years, we're going to close it down."

Baby boon

BANKERS Trust has donated £40,000 to St Thomas's Hospital as part of the Tommy's campaign to help fund a in Fetal Health. The donation means the bank will be the first City donor to have a delivery room named in its honour but says it has no plans as yet to set up silver spoon bank accounts for Bankers Trust babies or to keep tabs on them as potential clients and employees. "It's a wonderful idea but we hadn't thought of anything like that," a spokesman says. "We were just delighted to support such a good cause." The Tommy's campaign, launched in March by Rupert Hambro, the banker, takes the form of a City-styled "offer" with leading financial institutions being asked to subscribe for donation units of £5,000 each. In order to have a delivery room or operating theatre inscribed with their name, donors must subscribe to five or more units. The fund hopes to raise £500,000 by the time the "offer" closes in December.

CAROL LEONARD

It is not only names who suffer ient craftsman or manufac-

From Mr Theo Sanders Sir, So, ruined Lloyd's names are considering their dwin-dling options — why are they so special, to be pitted so?

Do they not share the real world of all small company directors and the self employed, whose bank managers and landlords (institutional) assert their rights to unlimited guarantees in sup-

port of overdrafts and rent. Do the public and politicians realise that when small businesses are forced out of business in their tens of thousands, tens of thousands of directors are indeed ruined. They will have faced ruin for months, they may be excelturers, they may be excellent entrepreneurs and business men, finding jobs for their small staffs and riches for the country through the taxes they pay.

But bad luck, a recession and a couple of bad debts and

they and their families are personally ruined. There is no sympathy, no strings to pull, no High Court appeal. The savings went earlier, the house goes, the car

Yours faithfully THEO SANDERS.

Apperley Honing Ltd. Alpha Works, Alstone Lane, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

The Lloyd's gamble From Mr Jeremy Glyn

Sir, When considering my Lloyd's losses, I do not share the sense of betrayal felt by the likes of Mr Dutton-Forshaw (Business Letters, April 21). Membership of Lloyd's can be compared to sian roulette, in which the risk of fatality can be reduced. by careful selection in the calibre of the weapon and the size of the magazine. Those that take part are aware that injury cannot in the long term be avoided. Unlucky names may have

suffered from dubious underwriting, others through bizarre court rulings, unforeseen hazards and natural phenomena. Surely the majority of us, however, have, in line with insurance market trends, incurred losses which cause us to be facing selfinflicted wounds.

I expect Lloyd's, like any organisation, to make appropriate improvements in their service as legislation, the market and technology allow. Where change also, sadly.

seems to be needed is in the attitude of some members to their original commitment. I have always understood that my denosit, and any reserves I built up, were there to be used in the event of significant losses. Unless I and others pay up, how can Lloyd's survive long enough to introduce the changes needed? Yours faithfully, JEREMY GLÝN,

Sir, The recent press coverage

8 Guion Road, SW6.

From Mr L. A. Simpson

of the <u>financial</u> disaster threatening thousands of Lloyd's names reminds me of a similar predicament I faced at my local turf accountant.

I placed a tenner to win on a tip I was given for the 3.30 at Newmarket. The silly old filly came in fifth and, can you believe it, the bookmaker refused to refund me my stake. Not only that, he insisted that I refund some of my previous winnings.

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The Economist

TVS to stay

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BY MARTIN BARROW

chairman, said the loss of the

ITV licence was "a heavy, but

not a mortal blow". TVS

would maximise sharehold-

ers' value by exploiting the

assets it retains and seeking

opportunities in leisure and

TVS's pre-tax losses

jumped from £8.3 million to

£26.7 million last year. The

results include an exceptional

provision of £33.5 million against MTM's programme

stock to reflect continuing

weakness in the American

33.6p. against a 17.6p loss.

There was also an extraordinary charge of E24 million against losses arising from the non-renewal of the ITV

franchise. The cost of the

licence application, also an

extraordinary tem, was £2.6 million. The loss of the licence resulted in a £20.9 million

reduction in the revaluation

reserve while the group's net assets fell from £111.6 million

to £47.4 million.

£21.5 million.

Losses per share reached

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TVS Entertainment plans to

continue operating as a lei-

sure and communications

company after it loses the ITV

franchise for the south of

England at the end of this

year. It will continue to oper-

loss-making American pro-

duction subsidiary, and will

retain its production facilities

Meridian Broadcasting,

which won the franchise de-

spite making a lower bid than TVS, has agreed to rent the

news facility in Maidstone for

an Initial ten-year period,

Peek buys

stake in

Logistics

PEEK, the electronics group, has bought a stake in a traffic

warns motorists of jams with-in a 35-mile radius of London. It has the option of buying the whole company

Peck has taken 19 per cent

of General Logistics, which launched Trafficmaster in

September 1990 as the

world's first "real time" traffic

information system. The

computer hardware and soft-

ware have been developed in

the UK and are covered by

patent applications world-wide. Traffic measurement

and control for customers,

such as local authorities, is

already one of Peek's two core

businesses and the group has aims to expand its activities in

Peek has funded its invest-

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Transatlantic and Union des Assurances de Paris (UAP) set up Rockleigh last year as the controlling vehicle for their joint investments in Sun Life. now wholly owned by Rock-UAP, France's second-larg-

UN report calls for reforms on world trading

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent that the developing countries

will only be able to compete

on a fairer basis if there is

massive investment in hu-

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suggests that a progressive.

global tax could be imposed to foster the redistribution of

The report sketches a vis-

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World Bank and Internation-

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The UNDP's human dev-

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terms of income, education

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Canada topping the list in

1990, the latest year avail-

able, displacing Japan. Brit-ain has become the tenth best

country in the world in which

to live, according to the index.

ahead of Germany. Last year,

Britain was eleventh. Guinea

has replaced Sierra Leone at

In terms of gross national

product. Mozambique is

shown to be the poorest country with an annual \$80 per head, while Switzerland is the richest on \$29,000 per head.

Trade talks, page 7

the bottom of the pile.

income across nations.

A SUMMIT conference on global development plus sweeping reform of the international monetary institutions and world trading system, are among key demands contained in the latest annual report from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The report, whose publication coincided with discusions in Washington yesterday between American and European Community leaders aimed at breaking the deadlock at the world trade talks, calls for the removal of international trade barriers and increases in development aid for the poorest countries.

The report argues restricted access to world markets costs developing countries \$500 billion a year and has widened the income gap between rich and poor nations.
The UNDP points out that if global markets were truly open, capital, goods and labour would be able to flow freely around the world, helping to equalise economic op-portunities. Its calculations show the economic gap be-tween the richest fifth of the world and poorest fifth has doubled in the past 30 years.

However, the report argue **Liberty Life offshoot** to make rights issue

BY OUR CITY STAFF TRANSATLANTIC Holdporation made this month.

ings, 55 per cent owned by Liberty Life Association of Af-rica, the South African insurance company, is raising £149 million by a one-for-four rights issue at 250p per share. Transatlantic is a UK holding company with investments in insurance, property and financial services. It is listed on the Luxembourg

stock exchange.
Liberty Life is listed in London on a matched bar-gains basis. The issue will restore Transatiantic's liquid position after a £180 million investment in Rockleigh Cor-

est insurance group, holds 16.8 per cent of Transatiantic and Gencor Ltd of South Africa 12.5 per cent. Transat-lantic said the issue had been fully underwritten by its main shareholders, led by Liberty Life's UK subsidiary, TAI Investments and Conduit Insurance Holdings.

after deepening losses their performance as "a sensi-

GRE chief has 11% pay rise

In profit: finance director Tony Schofield, left, and Noel Hayes, managing director

er that slashed dividend payments after losses deepened from £157 million to £210 million in 1991, awarded its highest-paid director an 11

per cent pay increase.
The director, unnamed in Provisions have again left a deficit on the profit and loss account that prevents the the company's annual report, but believed to be Sld Hop-kins, chief executive, was paid £255.766, compared with £230,174 in 1990. The remupayment of dividends. TVS paid a dividend of 3p last time. Profits, before excep-tional charges, fell from £16.8 million to £7.2 million, a re-sult the company described as reasonable given the severity neration of Charles Hambro, group chairman, rose from £51,710 to £52,000.

The pay award is likely to of the recession and its imfuel controversy over direcpact on advertising sales, tors' remuneration at a time which declined 3.6 per cent. compared with a 1.6 per cent ues to rise and the governfall for the ITV network as a ment is urging wage restraint. GRE, which also lost £157 million in 1990, re-UK television profits were El8.7 million, down from duced its final dividend from 7.5p a share to 2.6p, lowering TVS has, since the yearthe total cost of dividend payend, sold its 50 per cent interest in the CBS/MTM studios ments from £103 million to £60 million in an effort to in California to Walt Disney conserve cash. In the annual report, Mr Hambro describes for \$27 million, reducing

In view of the financial results, the remuneration committee felt it was "inappropriate" to recommend an increase in salaries or fees in 1992, although executive dither share options. In the past 12 months, GRE shares have fallen from 212p to 142p, having traded at just 104p last December.

Coats Viyella, the textiles group enlarged by the take-over of Tootal, increased the salary of its highest-paid director, thought to be Neville Bain, group chief executive, from £209,000 to £381,000, while Sir David Alliance, chairman, received £193,000, up from £175,000 in 1990. Over the same period, profits rose from a restated £101.4 million to £111.4

million, although dividends were held at 7p.

Lord Stevens of Ludgate, chairman of United Newspa-pers, saw his remuneration rise slightly from £337,235 to

when pre-tax profits fell from £95.7 million to £85.2 million and the company was forced to close two publishing houses and merge UK and American magazine interests.

Roger Elliott, chairman of Willis Corroon, received an increase from £287,000 to £361,000 but is no longer the insurance broker's highestpaid director. An unnamed member of the board, proba-bly chief executive Richard Miller, was paid £405,000.

Reuters, the news and financial information group, shed 475 jobs as operating margins were squeezed. Profits, however, rose by 6.3 per cent to £340.3 million and the highest-paid director, believed to be Peter Job, chief executive, saw his pay rise from £300,000 to £378,000. Sir Christopher Hogg, chair-man, received an increase from £38,000 to £102,000, which, Reuters said, reflected the fact that he had relin-quished executive duties at Courtaulds, and devoted "a materially greater proportion

Stellar, a supplier and in-staller of vehicle alarms and electrical products bought for £8.8 million, was the most

Reverse into

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by Ross

packaging group, has re-turned to the black despite

the £400.000 cost of closing

the head office of Whit-

tington, the company that Ross reversed into to secure a full stock market listing.

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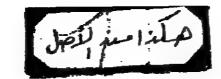
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than put them first on the agenda. .The UK has more accountants per capita than anywhere else in the world. Nearly 200,000 and increasing all brought up on a diet of professional pronouncements and learning technical rules by rota which take precedence over reflective thinking. We have too little meaningful accounting auditing and accountability and six accountancy bodies. None of their presidents, vice-presidents are denoted to the contract of dents or deputy presidents are directly elected by members. They act as quasiregulators but are trade associations. The public has no right of entry to their meetings or to any information. Yet such people are privileged by DII con-

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More than twenty hodies regulate financial services. In accountancy, the five recognised supervisory bodies are all self-regulating, yet all oppose reform

ing industry will do its utmost to oppose of the kind I believe is necessary. In previous incarnations, you managed to on organisational efficiency. Is it not time to do the same for PLC auditors?

impose a duty upon local authority auditors to detect material fraud and report The current way of appointing auditors is nonsensical. Despite the fiction

see compulsory rotation of auditors' terms. It would give them a backbone and stop collusive relationships.

You and I have long advocated audit committees for all PLCs. If they consist of representation from a wide variety of constituencies they would also be an improvement in company democracy as

Austin Mitchell, Labour MP and long-time scourge of accountants, writes an open letter to Michael Heseltine, the new trade secretary

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of the Companies Acts, directors hire and fire auditors. Hardly desirable. In your 1987 book Where There's a Will. you advocated creation of an "independent organisation" (p. 126) for appointment of auditors to give them independence and backbone. An Audit Commission for PLCs would be a step in the right direction. Like you, I would like to

well as a control, for this alone can provide internal invigilation of standards. The role of internal auditors would also be enhanced if they report to

It is unhealthy for auditors to sell non diting services to their audit clients. It degrades audit, making it a cut-price exercise to get a foot in the door to sell

dards are preferred. An independent investigation of the abuse of auditing standards will not go amiss.

Auditing monitoring is a joke. The ICAEW cannot simultaneously act as a trade association and a public policy maker and regulator. Such conflicts of interests are well known to you. Indeed you wrote "I believe the government is fighting a rearguard action to preserve

more becrative services. Yet such a state

of affairs is a norm in the auditing

industry. PLC auditors should act exchi-

sively as auditors. I am glad to see you

believe auditors "ought to be debarred

from doing any other work for a com-pany for which they act as auditors".

Economic decline cannot be separat-

ed from institutional arrangements.

The accountancy trade associations

have created an expectations gap. They reduced auditor responsibilities. Audit

policymaking is under the control of the

accountancy trade association. Secrecy

rules the day. "Passive" auditing stan-

self-regulation, and that the fight is not worth winning". Self-regulation cannot work where big money is concerned and big firms are effectively outside control. We must have independent regulation of the auditing industry, if they are to be brought to book and if the public are to have confidence in it.

The 1990 Caparo case makes a mockery of accountability. Auditing firms made billions from their statutory monopoly of the external audit function but thanks to your government's policies, they are not required to publish one iota of information about themselves. Your book talks about enhancing accountability of all producers and businesses. Now is your chance. Seize it.

Make audit and accountancy the effective police force of what will become a much healthier capitalism if they do their job properly. Yours sincerely.

Austin Mitchell

No guarantees, but still the best training for business

Despite few jobs

in accountancy,

the profession's

lure is still strong says Jon Ashworth

ccountancy has alwavs been seen as a ticket to wealth and prosperity. grounding in finance, the argument goes, paves the way for a successful career, and many of Britain's top businessmen got where they have thanks to an accountancy

qualification. But times have changed. and competition is more intense today than ever before. More and more graduates are discovering a background in accountancy no longer guarantees a job, let alone a well-paid one. A leap in redundancies at the Big Six and other firms have pushed graduates on to the street and. the question must be asked: has accountancy had its day? Yes and no, is the answer.

Yes, it is harder to find a job nese days and demand for accountants is nothing like it used to be. But for a grounding in general business, an accountancy qualification is very hard to beat.

Sir Paul Girolami, chairman of Glaxo, is one example of a chartered accountant who has worked his way up through the ranks. He heads a body of about 40 high-ranking chartered accountants working in business who are called on from time to time to advise on the role of the auditor, financial reporting and other topical issues.

Colleagues on the advisory body include Dudley Eustace, former finance director of British Aerospace, Brian Hardy, Burmah Castrol's 6nance director, and Colin Short, finance director of ICI. They, in turn, work closely with Peter Davis, chairman of the Board for Chartered

Accountants in Business. Mr Davis, a non-executive director of Abbey National and finance director and deputy chairman of Sturge Holdings, fell into accountancy after leaving Oxford. Accountancy may not make you a millionaire, he says, but can leave you very comfortably off, "Clearly it has provided an extremely good general business training for a lot of people who have left pracnce," said Mr Davis, 50, who switched from practice to industry after 17 years with Price Waterhouse, even though such a move no long-



er necessarily guarantees a huge pay rise. would be earning 50 to 100 per cent more had I stay-

ed on," said Mr Davis, who lest Price Waterhouse in 1980. "Look how much partners in law firms earn on average. The average earnings per partner at a firm like Slaughter & May is likely to be £250,000-£325,000.

"Let's say accountants earn £150,000-£300,000 on average. You can't possibly com-pare that with industry since would exclude pensions. company cars and so on, but i still think a senior partner in practice would do much better than a senior accountant in business. You do not get people on the practice side earning the £1.4 million or £800,000. That's for the entrepreneurs, not the chartered accountants."

Like many of his contempo-raries. Mr Davis fell into accountancy for want of some-

ing law at .Oxford in the sixties, he "got bored" with the syllabus and was advised that three years studying ac-

countancy would give him time to decide the next steps. "Probably 70 per cent of people who go into accoun-tancy do so for this reason. it's a good general introducbased, a good qualification.

ore than a decade as a part-ner with Price Waterhouse led on to another extreme: selling carpets. Mr Davis ioined Harris Queensway as deputy chairman in 1980, going on to sell carpets "in enormous quantities and very bad taste" before leaving in 1987, well before the company was sold to James Gulliver. "I got our in a respectable time. I did not make a lot of money, but that's not what accountants are for. The way you really

and building up a business. You will be rewarded for it, but you're never going to be a multi-millionaire.

Accountancy may be more difficult to get into these days, but the rewards are worth it. Finance directors of the top 500 British companies can expect to earn £75,000-£150,000, financial control-lers £50,000-£125,000.

The carpet industry led Mr Davis to the different world of the Lloyd's insurance market. "Sturge is a totally different business," he said. "If you're the money-man, you can make that transition. My knowledge of carpets was pretty limited, but it doesn't mean you don't have a contribution to make with regards to running the business.

The value of an accountancy training as a good general background for business can-not be denied. "It's not as easy as it was. There is a recession and it's not as comfortdoes not invalidate the basic experience."

Thirty years ago, it was very different. "In the early sixties, there was a feeling among trainces that everyone was crying out for our services. Today, graduates are finding it difficult to get a job at all." Redundancies are growing. Last month, KPMG Peat

Marwick McLintock announced it was cutting up to 250 jobs. Junior accountants at Price Waterhouse are encouraged to take unpaid leave or extended holidays as there is not enough work to go round. Up to 3,000 redundant accountants are thought

to be kicking their heels. Accountancy firms have been criticised for making vast sums out of corporate collapses. The demise of Polly Peck International, the Bank of Credit and Commerce International and others has tarnished their image. Tou-che Ross is being sued by the government for negligence over the collapse of Barlow Clowes, and others, like Stoy Hayward, have seen a succession of embarrassing lapses.

This aside, accountanety in business. Richard North had little idea that training as an accountant would lead to a career as one of the City's top advisers on mergers and acquisitions. Mr North, now group finance director at Burton, the High-Street re-tailer, ran the M&A department at Coopers & Lybrand during the eighties.

"Chartered accountancy is undoubtedly a valid qualifica-tion," said Mr North, aged 42. who graduated from Cambridge with an engineering degree in 1971 and, like he wanted to do. A decade later, as a partner of Coopers & Lybrand, he was at the forefront of some of Britain's biggest bids, advising, among others, on Minorco's battle for Consolidated Gold Fields and Sir James Goldsmith's bid for BAT Industries.

"I had a taste of tax, trea sury, M&A, strategy," said Mr North. "It was pretty varied. I know my way around the City backwards." Within weeks of joining Burton, he was advising on the sale of Harvey Nichols. "You can never substitute professional qualifications for ability, though the right experience obviously helps. Getting up through an organisation with a financial background helps enormously, but you've got to be commercial. Number-

Same old story on what to disclose

ONE of the most stubifying aspects of the accountancy profession is its inbuilt opposition to the disclosure of information.

This seems to stem from the early training of accountants when examinations test knowledge of the minimum, rather than the maximum, amount of financial information companies legally have to disclose. Nowhere is this more apparent than in industry and commerce where finance directors traditionally combine a reluctance to disclose any more than the law insists with an arrogance over their right to deny shareholders, ana-

lysts and users enough useful information.
But cultures change. The new financial reporting regime in this country is dedicated to the task. Unfortunately accountants in industry have been slow to publicly acknowledge this. The Accounting Standards Board has recently been receiving the main responses to its exposure draft on The structure of financial state-

ments — reporting of financial performance. It might have hoped that finance directors had grown up and realised that this time around they would no longer get away with their traditional games in attempt-ing to avoid disclosure. But instead the ASB has seen all the old rubbish reiterated. In the days when financial reporting rules had no real teeth finance directors would always come up with the tired old chestnut that while they of course agreed greater disclostire was of paramount importance they felt the particular rules which had been promul-

placed in a wastepaper bin. It had been hoped this time around things might be different. But no. Take, for example, the dispute over "revenue investments". The ASB proposes that companies should disclose what they have spent on areas like research and development, training, advertising and marketing.

To the rest of us this would seem straightforward. There would be no diffi-

culty for a company in producing the figures. It would be a question of looking up the relevant accounts, extracting the figure and placing it in the published accounts. But no. The responses to the ASB from both the 100 group of finance directors and the CBI produce exactly the sort of excuses we had hoped would vanish under the new regime.

Listen to the arrogance of Nigel Stapleton, the chairman of the 100 group's technical committee, in its response: 'My committee does not consider disclosure of these items in the manner proposed in the exposure draft is helpful to the reader of accounts.

The term revenue investment is potentially confusing — the expense items speci-fied may have little or only short-term defer-red benefit. The subjective judgments on classification would lead to inconsistent and Also we are concerned that UK companies may be obliged to release commercially sensitive information to their competitors, while our European neighbours impose no

The arrogance on the same subject in the CBI's response is even more breathtaking. It says: "Potential usefulness to the reader cannot be the sole criterion for determining what should be required in published information and should be balanced by issues relating to difficulty, expense, competition and normal management confidentiality." Or, to put it another way, self-interest.

You will not be surprised to hear that both organisations reach similar conclusions. The 100 group says: "We suggest that these proposals be dropped from this standard," and the CBI says: "Because the proposals are sensitive to the best interests of UK

businesses and will be complex and difficult to implement we believe the issue should be deferred for further consideration." It is almost a caricature of the old attitudes towards disclosure - "Damned impertinences, they want us to tell our shareholders how much of their money we've spent on advertising. And if you think that is wide of the mark listen to another extract from the CBI's response. If the informa-tion is published "it will un-doubtedly be used by commentators and others for making comparisons which are likely to be inaccurate, giving rise to demands for further demands can only respond: "Arrogant

nonsense" and "Why not?" Back in the real world things are rather different. If you talk to the large audit firms you find that the work of the review panel of the Financial Reporting Council has had a dramatic effect. Even the most respectable of companies would seem to be having a quiet word with their auditors to see if perhaps a bit more disclosure on a variety of topics might not be in order. No one wants to be the next company to see its reputation and share price go tumbling because the panel has put a shotgun blast through its accounts.

And finally the finance directors should listen to the Institutional Shareholders' Committee. Representing most of the organisations which invest massively in the corporate sector it has a simple message when it comes to the matter of disclosure by compan-

ies they own. They want more of it.
They want finance directors to rid themselves of the old culture which meant that every new bit of financial disclosure had to be dragged out of them. They want them to get on with their job of producing the information and making it available. The author is Associate Editor of Accoun-

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Witchell has it taped

NICHOLAS Witchell, BBCs Breakfast News front-man has the answer for budding accountants who have reading difficulties, or are simply keen to dispose of some surplus cash. They can now tune into him - and keep up to date with developments in the world of finance. Witchell has lent his services to The Accountant's Education Channel, a subscription service which uses a monthly video to help viewers keep up with changes in the profession. But at a cost of up to £1,500 plus VAT for 11 threehour videos, it may be cheaper to nip down to the library - or read newspapers. One can only hope the information on the videos is superior to the blurb which accompanies it. An introductory note says you can play the video "at the office or at home — in fact anywhere you have a video player." Thanks for the advice. Details from Television Education Network of

Croydon, please

Covent Garden.

LIFE insurance salesmen fly off to the Caribbean and other exotic spots at the drop of a hat for "motivation" conferences. Accountants are-

lucky if they make it to Croydon. But senior members of the profession would like nothing more than a week's "management training" out of the office, according to a survey by Account-ancy magazine. Most ac-countants favour an external training course over an internal one but can't decide which are more effective. Nearly two-thirds of accountants in industry who were quizzed think external courses good value for money. Even though the recession has hit recruitment and salary levels, senior accountants in practice and industry believe management training is as important an investment as any other business expenditure, the survey found.



Screams on hold THREE years from now, the

accountancy profession will be screaming for talent says Andrew Darnhill, managing editor of Accountancy magazine, who advises disgruntled trainees to hang in there. "The profession operates on a cyclical basis, recruitment demand will remain static until the current backlog of three years' worth of accountancy graduates has been taken up. There will then be another famine of qualified accountants," he says. Be that as it may, opportunities for newlyqualifieds are at present so limited that employers can name their rates. Experienced staff made redundant are taking salary cuts to find jobs so talent is available at bargain basement prices. Exceptions are the specialised fields of forensic accounting and personal taxation which have enjoyed a good run.

THE tussie to outdo each other on the steppes continues as Arthur Andersen appoints Bob Kralovetz as regional managing partner for Central and Eastern Europe. Kralovetz will be based in Prague, complementing offices in Budapest, Moscow, St Petersburg, Warsaw and Zagreb.

JON ASHWORTH

Video culture eases the Eastern sell-off shock

BY EDWARD FENNELL

ONE of the few precedents for the economic transformation of Eastern Europe is the British government's 1980s privatisation programme.

It is no coincidence, therefore that battle-hardened "privateers" from UK accountancy and consultancy partnerships are now playing a lead role in restructuring exercises in Warsaw, Budapest, Prague, and Moscow.

To help get across the idea of what "commercialisation" and "privatisation" mean, the consultants at Ernst & Young have developed a video package to provide the focus for the process of culture change which they are now undertaking with their

clients. Based primarily on their work with British state-owned enterprises in the 1980s, the videos offer a rough model of what East European managers can now expect as capitalism begins to

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vision of themselves and that all their activities must be related to that vision," says Eban Wilson, of Main Image, the production house which made the videos for Ernst & Young.

"The videos provide a teaching tool with which we can explain key parts of the commercialisation and privatisation process. Having got across the basic concepts, it is then easier to move on to discuss the issues in more detail with the managers of individual

The use of the videos is being spearheaded by Eric Anstee, an Ernst & Young partner. who now spends most of his time gearing up East European management teams for the

task ahead. With the experience of United Kingdom privatisation behind him, he understands the fears and anxieties felt by individuals, and he also has a good grip of the blocks and obstructions which may be thrown up

by the policy's opponents. His appearance on the video, ex-

privatised enterprises must develop a plaining how to circumvent obstacles. set up by those with vested interests to protect provides encouragement to viewers who may feel overwhelmed by the difficulties.

By making heavy use of filming in Britain, however, the videos serve to underline the difference between West and East. Clips from the television advertisements used to promote British Steel, for example, come across in stark contrast to the shots of rundown plant in Czechoslovakia. And the British shopping mall scenes of consumer excess must appear like an obtainable dream to their eastern audience.

"The concept of the world changing all the time and the need to respond to that is one that managers in the East find hard to grasp — yet it is crucial to successful commercialisation," says Eban Wilson.

"What Ernst & Young have tried to do in the videos is get across the message of markets in a state of constant change by showing how it happens in Britain." Writing a script - which has had to be translated into a variety of Eastern European languages, including Russian - presented interesting problems. It was important not to patronise viewers while not ignoring the fact that for most of them it would be brand new territory. "We settled on thinking of our

viewers as equivalent to good A-level students - an intelligent and committed audience, but addressing these issues for the first time," said Eban Wilson There is no disguising the promotional dimension to the videos. Staff

from Ernst & Young are featured

heavily and the viewer sees a lot of the

firm's glittering London

headquarters. But as a way of illustrating the immense complexity of capitalism and the way a web of advisers is needed to make the financial system effective, the videos work well - just so long as the viewers don't decide that, whatever its shortcomings, life was a lot simpler under communism.

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Guscott leaves World XV in New Zealand to strengthen Bath's championship prospects

All Blacks strike form to level series

JEREMY Guscott, the England centre, is expected to land at Heathrow tomorrow morning after responding to Bath's request that he should be released from the World party engaged in the centenary series in New Zealand.

Bath, the Courage champions, wanted to have Guscott available for their final league march of the season, against Saracens on Saturday: victory, allied to their superior points difference, will enable them to retain the title ahead of their main rivals, Orrell. Richard Seaman, the Bath

team secretary, spoke to Guscott before yesterday's game in Wellington, when the All Blacks hit their straps to level the three-match series 54-26. "He had arranged a flight back but we will wait to see what state he is in before we decide whether he plays," Seaman said. Guscott left the field at half-time with an

ankle injury.

Bath have picked an otherwise full-strength XV, including the centre, Jon Bamsey, who will step down if Guscott plays: "The situation in the league has changed since Jerry has been away," Sea-man said. "Orrell and Northampton have both lost, which has given us the chance to get back on top. We know that Saracens are playing well and we can take nothing for

granted against them." Bath must balance the additional thrust Guscott brings to their midfield against the effects of a 27-hour journey, associated time changes and two hard internationals within five days. They will also have in mind the Plikington Cup final against Harle-

programme against a Gloucester team missing only Bob Phillips, the prop. from their regular XV. Andy Deacon plays instead. Meanwhile, the victory

seems to have put New Zealand back on track in a rebuilding process under Laurie Mains, the new coach. They scored ten tries, against five by the World XV, a significant improvement on an error-strewn 28-14 first-

The match, however, was marred by the sending-off of the French lock, Olivier Roumat, in the first half. The New Zealand referee, David Bishop, had no hesitation in dismissing him for kicking Sean Fitzpatrick during a ruck. Fitzpatrick required medical attention.

Roumat is the eighth Frenchman to be sent off in international rugby. This follows the double sending-off in Paris in February of Gregoire Lascube and Vincent Moscato against England. Roumat was suspended for four weeks by the match judicial committee.

New Zealand made their intentions felt right from the kick-off. The forwards, led by Richard Loe, mauled strongly and the full back, Greg Cooper, took a close-in pass from Ant Strachan, the scrum half, for a try, which he converted. After 26 minutes, the initial

spark had become a blaze The All Blacks, showing the storming qualities one has come to expect, stretched the lead to 28-0 with tries from Loe, the No. 8, Aaran Pene, the international newcomer, Eroni Clarke, and Va'aiga Tuigamala, who brilliantly quins, the following week. intercepted a pass from Harlequins conclude their Guscott and ran 65 metres.



It's official: Bishop, the referee, informs Farr-Jones, that Roumat, the World XV lock, right, is sent off

atisfaction, though, of scoring the most speciacular try, from Yoshihito Yoshihito yoshihito, who chased a high kick from Naas Botha and caught it underneath the goalposts. By half-time, the All Blacks led 34-6 and had the game in their hands. John Eales, the

a fine individual try but, in the process, incurred a sus-pected dislocated shoulder. A reflection of the changing face of the game in New Zealand came when John Kirwan and Grant Fox, two of the great players of past seasons, came on as replaceheavily.

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Barbarians tour in balance

By Peter Bills

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

RFU tries to nurture Colts

RESERVATIONS about the quality of the next generation of England's representative players appear to have been dispelled. While the seniors at A and B level have been undefeated in 1992, so have the colts and the schools teams. But while this Saturday the

England 18-group goes to Doncaster to seek a junior grand siam against the Welsh, and the 16-group to Cardiff to build on their 32-4 defeat of Italy, it is England Colts, who face France at Bournemouth, who have played the eye-catching rugby, drawing with Italy and beating Wales and Scotland.

The quality of their back play, allied to an underrated pack, places the onus on the Rugby Football Union to sus-

tain their development. Two basic changes are being considered so that the gap between coits and under-21 rugby is not so apparent. They are a change in the terms of reference so that, for example, England may play Wales and Scotland on equal age terms, rather than with a four-month disadvantage, and the assembly at Trent College this summer of an under-20 squad.

Colts feature strongly (as do recent schools caps) in the two

England Under-21 teams named to play the French Armed Services, in the curtain-raiser to the Pilkington Cup final, and the senior Dutch XV in Leiden.

thinks do work hard enough.

while studying for a degree at Loughborough University. The irony is that most of the

Olympic squad appear to re-

gard him as an asset. Origi-

nally, there had been fears

Lee might go before the Olympics. "There is no dan-ger of that," Steve Baddeley, the British Olympic manag-

"Lee and I have laid down a

minimum commitment to

training and practice for all

the players between now and July and we will make sure

they do not fall below that. I

can understand why he is

upset. Ideally, we would have

a team camp, the sort of thing he has been brought up on,

but here it is difficult to do.

Players away from London

can't get to a centralised

Despite this, Baddeley has

been mindful of the need for

improved discipline. Last

year, Joanne Muggeridge,

Nick Ponting and Dave Wright were all temporarily

excluded from the Olympic

squad. Baddeley has also arranged a meeting on Friday

with Lee and Sara Sankey

and Gillian Gowers, the

highly-talented All-England women's doubles semi-final-

ists, whom the coach is said to

The problems would

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grounds of unfitness.

camp so often."

ENGLAND UNDER-21 (v French Armed Services, Twickenhem, May 2; M Maphetolik (Rugby); R Bryce (Sele), M

☐ Injuries have deprived Newport of Keith Orrell and Shaun McGauchie for the rest of the season.

RUGBY will lose not only an intrinsic part of its heritage but some badly-needed enterteinment if the Barberlans traditional tour of south Wales is further devalued or lost completely, the club's secretary has warned.

Surveying this season's Easter tour, which did not stand comparison with its halycon years, Geoffrey Windsor-Lewis cautioned that the game and its players tour lanses.

"The players tell us they enjoy our matches and they ust do not get that enjoyment factor with a non-stop diet of league games," he said. "Rugby is becoming very sterectyped, day-in, day-out. Something has gone from the game with the total immersion of leagues and cups.

Barbanans games broaden the breadth of knowledge for players. They come and see a different style of rugby with a different attitude which they don't get at their clubs. And they do genuinely enjoy the whole weekend."

Windsor-Lewis conceded that the Easter programme in wouth Wales had become difficult for everybody. The Barthe leading players because of commitments eisewhere and the clubs are distracted by

league fixtures. "It will get worse next year in Wales so that, although we are happy to go on, the pressure is more on Cardiff and particularly Swansea," he

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said. "I would say the Barbarians would like to stay where they are in terms of the Easter programme, but one has to be realistic in this day and age. Even last year, Swansea were embarrassed at what happened and this weekend emphasised the difficulties." Ironically, the world's most

being besieged with offers to play elsewhere. Many other areas of the country have sugthere and Windsor-Lewis calls the number of invitations abroad "phenomenal". He ponders whether the future interest of the club may lie in that direction, yet is reluciant to overturn 100 years of tradition in south Wales at Easter.

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Getting hooked on the lure of the green baize

By HENRY KELLY

TELEVISED sport over the past week, and more particularly the weekend, had pretty nearly everything: the possible end of a snooker era; the emergence of a racing talent; the reopening of what some had thought was the already closed Football League championship race; the usual spot-thepuck ice hockey games: and Henry Blofeld's sporting interview on Channel 4, which this week gave us Dawn Fraser, the great Anstralian swimmer, ex-plaining what she had been told when she thought of trying her hand

at politics.
"They told me I was too
well known," she told Blofeld, who quite reasonably spluttered, "What did you say?" The great lady replied: "I asked them if they'd like me to come back again when I wasn't so well known." Collapse of Blofeld.

Every time I write about snooker, like Eliot measuring out his life in coffee spoons, I'm sure mine is ebbing away to the annual rounds of world championships at the Crucible in Sheffield. I try to figure out the event's fascination, always without success.

This time I have an idea that we love snooker because, quite simply, it's a drug you sit there in the semi-darkness watching men in semi-darkness smoothing their way around a soporific, green-covered table, hitting balls with long sticks: you can-not even hear most of the

clicks and thumps.

The "live" audience, made up of parents, relations and friends of the half-asleep, dares do no more than appland politely at shots, the meaning of which it can only guess at: cheers are reserved for pots, whether good or

Small wunder most of us only watch half the games: the rest is silence. Steve Davis was shown the door at this year's event and went, in his own interest-ing way, remarking that it reminded him of the last time he was beaten. Quite so, Steve, you took the very

words out of my mouth. commentary box, John Spencer, one of the greats of the game and a first-class explainer of its mysteries for the layman, came up with a beauty. "Once again," he said, after someone had potted a ball, "we **TELEVISION** THE WEEK

I just wonder if it would

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see how snooker is just like chess: you pot a red and suddenly all the other reds are opened up." Answers on a postcard, please.

The racing coverage featured young Jason Titley. riding the winner of the Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse on Monday. What a great day out it looked and, with Channel 4 and the BBC in attendance, we had the same set of pictures, roughly the same commentary and two different ways of introducing it all.
One point has struck me

about Channel 4's excel-lent racing coverage and it's this: when a horse has won a race, its name is normally super-imposed on the screen seconds after it has passed the post and is held there as the horse slows down to a walk. Meanwhile, the commentator is calling out the statistics: name. owner, trainer and rider.

be a good idea for this information, too, to be put on screen: very often, if you are momentarily distracted and miss hearing the owner, trainer and rider, you can be left racing around the living-room floor trying to find the newspaper with the relevant details! I cannot believe the C4 racing team doesn't have a com-puter which would furnish these details in a flash.

Monday afternoon's football, Leeds against Coventry, wasn't by any means the best game you could see, but it was exciting and it kept interest in the championship alive. More to the point, it roved a referee correct in his consultation with his linesman and the linesman correct in his decision to say that McGrath, of Coventry, had handled the ball and, under the regula-tions, had to be sent off.

Now that rugby is adjust-ing itself, cricket is adjust-ing itself and other sports are busy contemplating football changed this harsh rule: a man was sent off for handling the ball in a game during which others might have been sent off for tackles which came within inches of maining opponents for life.

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Unhappy Lee likely to resign as coach

BY RICHARD EATUN

LEE Jae Bok, coach of the British Olympic and England teams, is likely to resign from both roles after the Olympic Games in Barcelona because he believes some of the leading players do not work hard enough. The Korean, who has ac-

quired a reputation of being one of the world's finest coaches, said he was upset at the level of commitment of several of his squad during the Pilkington Glass European championships in Glasgow last week. England failed to produce

a finalist in any of the five events for the first time and Lee was involved in a heated exchange in the hotel with two of the players. "I will reconsider my position after Barcelona, partly because my contract ends then, and partly because I am not happy with the attitude to training and practice of some of the players." Lee said.

The likelihood is that Lee will stay in Britain and privately coach the players he



flawed

From Mr Donald S. Young Sir, I heard Tony Jacklin describing his new idea for a golf club on the radio recently and read your article on the

While the concept for satis-fying the demand to play for those not fortunate enough to belong to a club is admirable in theory, I fear it could be seriously flawed in practice. Most recognised, and cer-tainly the well-established, golf courses in this country are, in my experience, already overplayed rather than un-derplayed. They may well have starting times available at any given moment during every day of the week but, due to the vast increase in traffic in recent years, the courses themselves need all the rest they can get if they are not to become irreparably damaged. When also can greenkeeping staff do the necessary restoration and maintenance work required if the course itself is being continuously used from dawn to dusk seven

shortage of good golf courses open to the general public. It is therefore ironic that many of the new courses built recently to a high standard appear to be aimed exclusively at the top end of the market and are by no means yet full. Perhaps if these projects had been designed from the beginning for public play many of them would not now be

appear deeper than this, however. Two players had to be reprimanded during the Thomas and Uber Cups preliminary rounds in Holland in February, and this week Ciro Ciniglio, the England manager, has to decide what action, if any, to take about club developments. Anders Nielsen, the national Yours faithfully. champion, whose fine run to DONALD S. YOUNG, the European semi-finals was preceded by an alleged refus-Leigh Hill Cottage, al to play for England on the

Concept is

subject (report, April 17) with

days a week? There is undoubtedly a

facing financial difficulties. It is in this direction that Mr Jacklin's well-intentioned efforts should be directed, and in bringing satisfaction to many frustrated golfers could also lie the financial salvation of the newer golf

Leigh Hill Road.

A workable alternative to the shoot-out

From Mr Steve Pick

Sir, As a player and speciator for 50 years of the great game of football, I would like to promote a solution to the distasteful finale of penalty shoot-outs.

There are two important ingredients in the plan. 1. Reduce the number of players on the field. Eliminate all offsides.

It would work as follows. Instead of playing 30 minutes of extra time as is done at present, each team would start "over time" with two fewer players than they had during normal time. Nor-mally they would have nine players on the field, unless there had been an expulsion.

They would play eight minutes each way and there would be no offside. If, after 16 minutes of play, the scores were still level, then for the next 16 minutes each team would leave out two more players, i.e. playing seven-a-side. The no-offside rule would still apply.

The process theoretically could continue until one-aside was being played, but that situation is most unlikely

This proposal is not intended as any backdoor entry for

Poor example

From Mr Alan G. Perrin

Sir. Before this year's cricket

season gets fully under way, may I urge those responsible

for the conduct of the game to

curb the extravagant and at

times obscene gestures of

players every time a wicket falls? Modern behaviour not

only detracts from the aver-

age viewer's enjoyment of the

game but also sets a poor

example to youngsters who

may be encouraged to emu-

late the antics of their seniors.

Yours faithfully,

Red Lion House,

Week St Mary.

ALAN G. PERRIN

Holsworthy, Devon.

rule changes, as I still enjoy playing under the rules as they exist. However, both as a player and a spectator, I don't enjoy the penalty shoot-out and I believe the proposals would present a workable alternative. Yours sincerely.

STEVE PICK. 3 Cramptons Gap, Richardson. Texas, United States.

From Mr J. Douglas McVitie Sir, Counting cautions or corners (report, April 15), to decide the result of a football match is a ridiculous sugges tion - referees' decisions often have to be subjective,

especially where bookings are concerned. And why corners, anyway? Today's long-throw special-ists make the throw-in every bit as likely to lead to a goal (i.e. worthy of reward) as a corner. Which side wins the throw-in is, of course, as subjective as who gets the corner (witness the fact that

referees and linesmen often disagree on the question). The solution to deciding tied games? First, scrap extra time and move directly to sudden-death. At a stroke, the first and any subsequent min-

Speeding up

From Mr Richard Burnell

Sir. Mr Holmes (Sports let-

ters, April 10) suggests that

there should have been a

bigger decrease in the time

valuable as the last seconds of normal time, prolonging the excitement and removing the present pathetic and cheating spectacle of playing for extra time in knock-out games.

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Second, scrap Fifa and replace it with a five-strong panel of nine-year-olds (three girls, two boys). It wouldn't take them 13 months to meet and discuss the matter. Yours faithfully, J. DOUGLAS MCVITIE,

The Limes. 116, King's Road. Gosport, Hampshire. From Mr Thomas Coen

Sir. I wonder after reading the changes proposed in rug-by whether association foot-ball will ever adopt such a critical attitude to its game and move in the direction of freeing action on the field from the stranglehold of the goalkeeper by making him less untouchable - more of an ordinary player in the penalty area while keeping his immunity from physical challenge in his goal area. Yours sincerely, THOMAS COEN, St Joseph's College, Birkfield, Ipswich.

cent. I would be interested to

hear which other amateur

sports have "improved"

Yours faithfully, RICHARD BURNELL,

Alders Farm House.

Your obedient servant,

D M BRITTAIN,

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taken to cover the Boat Race North Moreton. course. Variations in wind Didcot, Oxon. and tide can account for Fast scoring several minutes on a particular day. However, the present five-year average is 17min From Mr D. M. Brittain Sir, 1,000 runs in or prior to 42sec. Twenty-five years ago, the end of May we know the average was 19min 15sec and the "18-minute barrier" about. But what about centuries in Lent? Five already this had been broken only once. week; when was the last, if The past 25 years have seen

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an "improvement" of 84 per

From Mr Jeffrey Wall Sir, The extent to which the

northern hemisphere rugby unions have relinquished leadership of the world game was vividly illustrated in Wellington last week when, as widely expected, their southern counterparts bounced them straight into touch with a series of law changes more suited to their own attitudes, strengths and problems.

Nor has such acquiescence been helped by tendencies nearer home, for some act out The Emperor's New Clothes every time the merits of the game down under have been up for discussion; a situation also exacerbated by occasional Nelsonian eyes being turned to its frequent excesses of offside, obstruction and the floated forward pass.

Furthermore, in recent years we have become almost apologetic over our more static northern game, without emphasising the variety, shape and subtlety it intrinsi-cally has. Nor will individual northern unions fare any better at the next IRFB annual meeting, when a number of probationary changes are due for ratification, unless they act in unison, while also mounting a campaign, well in advance, to overturn some of the less desirable changes already imposed. A powerful ally may by then be found in the South Africans who have felt unable to contribute as much as they might to date. Their voice will carry all the more impact next time round.

The law changes will also demand yet further fitness, and therefore off-the-field sacrifice. The greater the gap between an amateur game and the commercial and professional expectation of performing it to the highest level, the greater will be the tension over the already vexed issue of Regulation 4. The more one demands directly or indirect-

Law changes unwelcome reasonably refuse to recompense them. Yours faithfully, JEFFREY WALL 14 Cavendish Road, Barnet, Hertfordshire.

> From Mr W. I. Lumsden Sir, I see that the rugby union authorities have again changed the points value of the try, presumably in an effort to make the game more of a spectacle by encouraging open play. I do not under-stand why they do not do the obvious and make the try the only score. Apart from simplifying the scoring, this could be accompanied by other changes which might well achieve a better game.

In order to reward some of the skills of kicking, and for traditional reasons to retain the goalposts the present penalty and dropped goals could be kept, but not be considered as scores. Instead, a successful kick of either type could result in a five-metre scrum with the attacking side having the put-in anywhere of their choosing across the field. Such scrums usually lead to an exciting passage of play, and a try might result from a significant proportion of them. Alternatively, the attacking side could choose to kick from the five-metre line. either to touch for a lineout virtually on the opposition line, or for a quick move for a

There is a minor difficulty in that a penalty offence by the defending side from such a scrum or kick might seem to involve no disadvantage. However, the attacking side could then restart play as above from the actual site of the offence. For repeated offences, or those clearly preventing a score, the referee could award a penalty try as Yours faithfully,

W. I. LUMSDEN. 20 Princes Close, Gosforth,

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STRIP Cartoon looks a value proposition to end Double Blue's winning run in the George Cullington Handicap at Beverley today. These two in-form sprinters have plenty in common, both carrying 7lb penalties here

for their Easter weekend successes and both reverting from six furlongs to five. Double Blue, unbeaten in # Birlythet 👝 🔐 Man or 1 · · mant no 11 " setceral plant PREIME CART AND A MADE SAME OF the way SOUSE OF ST & Recht iffer and, will

In contrast, Strip Cartoon beat a large field of seasoned campaigners at Nottingham . on Monday and is well drawn here in stall ten. Prior to his Nottingham success, gained on good to soft going, he had run well on good ground at Thirsk when third to Slades

on his return when staying on into fourth behind King Of Chance at Doncaster and ran an even better race when third to Revif at Ripon, beaten two lengths and a neck:

Strip Cartoon to defy penalty

While Rousino was undoubtedly flattered by his. proximity to the subsequent impressive Rosebery Handicap winner, the opposition was considerably stronger than he meets here. The form of the Ripon race

has already been franked not only by the winner but by Crossillion (fifth), a close secand to Barford Lad at Kempton on Monday, and by Admirals Sear (seventh), an impressive Haydock winner on Saturday.

Vague Dancer, last year's Cambridgeshire third, was well behind Rousitto in both his races this term and appears held, so a greater threat to my nap may be Supertop, a good second to Katy's Lad

(winner again since) at Ponte-ly well on turf this spring and fract 16 days ago.

Doulab's Image has an excellent chance of gaining his first turf success in the Charles Greig Handicap. The winner of five races on Fibresand at Southwell, Jeremy Glover's five-year-old has been running consistent-



Hollinshead: has found good opening for Rousitto

a reomduction of last week's fifth to Mango Manila at Newmarket might well be

good enough. Clive Brittain's well-related newcomer Ganten Of Heaven could surprise Wood Ditton sixth Jathaab in the Ald William Hodgson Maiden Stakes. Brittain thinks enough of this Arctic Term colt to have entered him for the Dante Stakes and the St.

third to Oumaldaaya on her Newmarket debut in November, holds an Oaks entry and looks best in the Captain Storie Maiden Fillies Stakes. Mary Reveley has her Saltburn string firing on all cylinders again and a treble from three runners at Perth looks a distinct possibility with Peacework (3.00).

Flight Hill (3.30) and Swift Sword (4.30).

distance winner. BF -- beaten favourite in less month. Going on which horse has won (F -- firm, good to firm, hard, S -- good, S -- seit, good to seit, beavy). Owner in brackets, Trainer. Age and weight, Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private landsoppers ame.

McCarron steps in to ride Dr Devious in Kentucky

CHRIS McCarron is to ride Dr Devious in the Kentucky Derby on Saturday week as Cash Asmussen is to remain in Europe to partner Suave Dancer in the Prix-Ganay at Longchamp the next day.

"It's all been confirmed and Chris will definitely ride," said Peter Chapple-Hyam yesterday. "Cash didn't think that it would have been fair on Suave Dancer's connections to have ridden in Kentucky at 10.30pm European time. He might not have got back."

Dr Devious is 10-1 fourth favourite with Hills for the Kentucky Derby, Arazi heading the market at 2-1 on with A P Indy 7-2 and Technology 7-1. For the Epsom Derby, Dr Devious is a 16-1 shot with Ladbrokes who price Arazi at evens, with a run.

Great Palm, currently a 20-1 chance for Epsom after his fine performance when second to Dr Devious in the Dewhurst Stakes last autumn, is to have his Derby on Saturday.

Bognor Regis trainer, criti-

cised Jockey Club justice yes-

terday after he was fined

£1,000 and his nephew, jock-

ey Darren O'Sullivan, £500

for not running a horse on its

disciplinary committee en-

quiry investigating the performance of Scotoni in a handi-

cap hurdle at Lingfield's all-

weather meeting on January

O'Sullivan said later: "I am

told I was fined the minimum

amount, but I do not think it

is fair that these hearings are

held behind closed doors and

decided, not by an indepen-

dent judge or jury, but by Jockey Club members.

After half-an-hour I felt they

had already made their

minds up. The trainers' feder-

ation should do something

Scotoni, ridden by Darren

"We are both sick about it.

The pair were punished at a

preliminary in the Dante Stakes at York "We had a bit of a fright

last week," said Paul Cole. "He sustained an overreach on the gallops but is all right now and back in work."

Confirming that Dilum, one of last season's top twovear-olds until disappointing at York and Newbury, is on target for the 2,000 Guineas, the Whatcombe trainer added that he would be represented in Saturday's Thresher Classic Trial at Sandown by

By virtue of his win in a valuable ten-furlong race in Rome last autumn, the Alleged colt will have to concede 5lb to the likes of Henry Cecil's Aljadeer and Richard Hannon's pair, Beyton and

Although Aljadeer worked none too impressively with Pat Eddery in the saddle yesterday morning, Cecil said that the unbeaten three-yearold would still take his chance

way to finish third, beaten

five and a half lengths by

Gina-Diane, but won his next

horse went out in the betting

won its previous and next

race. The runner-up won

after that as well. It was a

over all-weather hurdles.

He'd never seen those plastic

flights before so he was enti-

but it was in a maiden hurdle.

Horses are not machines.

They have good days and bad

days. They can't run the same

race every time. The Jockey

Club should have someone on

"Scotoni did win after that,

"It was Scotoni's first race

good race," he added.

tled to jib about.

O'Sullivan is fined

£1,000 over Scotoni

ROLAND O'Sullivan, the O'Sullivan, made late head-

days later.

Giving news of his Guineas candidates, the nine-times champion trainer said: "Pursuit Of Love and Musicale both worked well this morning. I might also still run Skimble but Sun And Shade is a definite absentee."

A gamble developed yesterday on one of Cecil's possible Oaks candidates, All At Sea, who won easily by five lengths at Nottingham recently.

Khaled Abdulla's filly was backed down from 33-1 to 14-1 favourite with Ladbrokes. "She's a nice filly but we'll have to wait and see just how good she is," said Cecil. "She'll next run in the Pretty Polly Stakes at Newmarke and after that in the Musidora Stakes at York."

On the Whitbread Gold Cup front, most of the money was for Topsham Bay, who is now 4-1 joint-favourite (from 5-1) with Arctic Call with Ladbrokes. David Barons's stable is on the crest of a wave, having had five winners in the past seven days.

Criticism of vaccines countered

By CHRISTOPHER GOULDING

race on the same course nine RECENT criticism of the compulsory equine flu vacci-"I had no motive to stop the nation by a number of leadhorse. It finished third in a ing trainers is without handicap, having drifted out to 3-1 from 6-4, but every foundation, according to Newmarket's Animal Health except the winner and that

Andrew Higgins, director of the trust, yesterday responded to comments that the vaccines are outdated and should be optional.

The trust has studied flu vaccines since 1989 and two new vaccines will be launched this year." Higgins said. "Next month an international meeting is to be convened with the World Health Organisation to discuss the emergence of new equine influenza viruses and their impact on vaccine efficacy."

David Elsworth, the Whitsbury trainer, feels his runners have been plagued by the cough because of the mandatory flu vaccine and would like vaccination to be a voluntary decision. Elsworth's views have been echoed by such as Alec Stewart

The National Trainers' erinary evidence as to the benefits of vaccinations.

Higgins continued: "One removed is that influenza vaccines can cause flu. The vaccine is totally dead and cannot cause infection. This does not mean that other respiratory problems will not follow vaccination.
"It's a scientific fact that

the greater the number of horses vaccinated, the greater the protection against influenza. Mandatory vaccination was introduced in 1980 and it should never be forgotten that, before that, outbreaks of equine influenza led to an interruption of racing."

1-4 hav); 2, 11 Hawe That, Only 2 finished, 3 nan. Open mein; 1, Lowir's Lock (A Cow), 3-1); 2, Dreaming Star; 3, Joan Srovoover, gold, 10 ren. PYTCHLEY (Galfeborough): Humt 1, Brighl As A Button (G Terry, 5-4 hav); 2, Money From America; 3, Blue Spanide, 8 nan. Confined; 1, Fedneyhill (Mrs. J Saunders, 4-8 hav); 2, Lody Patch; 3, Lord Fawelly, 8 nan. Mixed Open; 1, Good Waters (J Sharp, 5-2); 2, Fine Lace; 3, The Waltzon (J Sharp, 5-2); 2, Fine Lace; 3, The Waltzon (Mouse, 5 nan. PPOAT, 1, Arcitic Reel (A Tutton, 2-1) finished atone, 2 nan Rees; 1, Gracien Semi (G Terry, 5-2 tav); 2, Bailyvoyle Bley; 3, Deep In The Arctic, 9 nan. Midn II; Ampel Fare (A H8I, 4-5 tav); 2, Sanjing Clown; 3, Leane, 9 nan. Midn II; 1, Mr Pflay (A Tutton, 7-1); 2, Buolui County; 3, Teetrader: 13 nan. County; 3, Teetrader: 1, Sanished. 5 nan. Reet: 1, Parricsun (T Stephenson, 5-2 it-lav); 2, Pad In The Moming; 3, Que Bella, 12 nan. Ladles: 1, Stockusgin (Miss C Thomes, 1-3 fine), 2, Laquis Glony; 3, Bkus Huzzer, 4 nan. Land Brover Open; 1, Conston Springs (M Jones, 3-1); 2, Sevena Cut; 3, Turn Mili 5 nan. Confined: 1, Sarre Heritage (J Princhard, 2-5 tav); 2, Mischey 1, Palys Uchsum (D Duggar, 12-1); 2, Gelden Sound; 3, Quick Stoks, 13 nan. unscating her rider at the last fence when in the lead, had been unbeaten in ten races before Tuesday. She met her match, however, at the Pytchley point-to-point when Good Waters, under John Sharp, gave her 7lb and rallied well to win the

Good Waters proves

more than a match

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

FINE Lace, other than once 14 hw; 2,11 Have That Only 2 finished, 3

mixed open by two lengths. Her owner rider, Jim Tarry, nevertheless, completed a double at the meeting

HIGH PEAK & NE CHESHIFIE (Flagg Moor): Nat Country Hunt: 1, Paddys Oyster (Mrs. K. Parker, 11-8 lay); 2, Zebedes; 3, Kitselsen, 16 ran. Corffined: 1, Quick Vision (Miss C Burgees, 2-5 fev); 2, Asermende; 2, Tacket, 8 ran. Ladies: 1, Filvernot (Miss H. Callow, 5-4 fev); 2, Joppjaccha; 3, Casbury, 5-1 ran. Land Rover Oper; 1, Quicky House (W Barlow, 5-4 fev); 2, Fraddle Teal; 3, Gurteen Wood, 5 san. PPQA: 1, Ashpit (T Garron,

Folkestone

THE RESERVANCE OF THE STREET OF THE STREET

Going: good

1.45 (1m 11 148)-d) 1, GOOGLY (G Bardwell, 40-1); 2, Miles Pin Up (D Briggs, 12-1); 2, Ching's Guest (A McGione, 18-1).

ALSD RAN: 5-2 (1-flav Pipesnorier, Miglid, 15-2 Bernie Silvers, 12 Storm Drum, 14 Lord Leibfim (6th), Ried For Deinger, Odoen, 16 Silacolpstoth Hill (9th), Sc Linderson, 33 My Senor (4th), The Dondramt Gens, 40 Constand, 15 rain. 244, Mt, 204, 17, 21. W Wightman at Upham. Tote: \$18,00; 23-70, 52-80, 512-30. DF. 2588-00.

CSF: E429-56, Tricest: ETD44-18.

2.15 (1m 11 149yd) 1, METTERNICH (C Hodgeon, 8-1); 2, Absolutely Right (T Outm, 7-4 fay); 3, Internal Affelt (R Price, 25-1). ALSO (RAN: 3, Lott, 7 Modest Hope (5th), 10 Prince Jelatom, 16 Ledy Barelse (4th), 20 Conjuner (6th), Saysana, Mersolane, 25 Cordifier, 33 Gilbot, Heard It Belore, temple lained, Despoyado Nanu-sket, 15 ran, 81, 281, 2, an hd, 191, M Toogolins at Newmarkst. Tote: 25-30, CSF: 217.18.

2.45 (81 189yd) 1, AHBAB (E Husband, 4-6 fev; Menderin's nap); 2, Monach (E Bestley, 10-1); 3, Fen Derroe (C Webb, 7-1), ALSO RAM: 5 Preset Law, 11 Salea, 18 Indian Style (4th), 33 Minoan Light, 50 Ednego Bay, Milscoln (6th), Miss Meigelint (5th), Mes Precedus, Wild Persian, 12 rsn. 8, 194, 4t, sh hd, hd, P Walvyn at Lembourn, 70ts: 51.00; 21.40, 52.90, 92.00, DF: 98.80, CSF: 59.73. 92.00. DF: 19.80. CSF: 19.73.
3,15 (S) 1, POWER LAKE (Pul Eddery, 9-4 tay); 2, Arcsic Appeal (G Carter, 7-4); 3, Love Returned (M Tebbutt, 12-1). ALSO PAN: 3 Regal Chimse (Hth), 9-5 Luplicity (Sth), 68 Ludy Sabo (8th), Kindred Carriso. 7 rax. Nt., Nt., Nt., 2, 2, 4, 5 Nt., R Heart Last Everteigh. Tota, 22-60; 21-50, 22-50; 05-7; 23-30. CSF: 19-26.

2200. OF: 63:30 CSF: 93:26.
3.45 (50) 1. SABRE RATTLER (Pet Eddery, 1-2 tev); 2. Greenwich Chalange (A Munro, 4-1); 3, Luckifocome (L. Newton, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 12 The Atheling (4th), 33 Rouws (8th), 50 School Of Science (5th), 5 ran. H-1, 101, sh hd, 81, 61. J Geny at Cockenham. Tota: 61.30, 21.10, 51.80. Dr: 81.70. CSF: 62.80.
4.15 (1m 45) 1. TRUBEN (Pat Eddery, 11-8 fav); 2. Sure Haven (G Duffeld, 7-2); 3, Wand (W Ryan, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Str Pageant (4th), 10 No Islands, 33 Line Of (101), 50 Marpatann, Farmer's Pat (5th), 8 ran. 3761, 11, 241, 81, nt, H Cacil. Tota: 51.70, 52.10. 51.50, 52.90. OF: 55.30. CSF: 55.33.
4.45 (1m 46) 1. BOLD RESOLUTION (G

Pisospet: 2204.10.

Blinkered first time BEVERLEY: 245 Carden Castle, 3.15 Watch Me Go.

Catterick Bridge

Going: good 2.00 (5) 1. Penny Hesset (J Marshell, 5-1), 2, The Noble Cak (5-2 tav), 3. Soboring Thoughts (25-1) 13 ran %d nh M W Easterby Tole: 55.30 E7 70.E1 90 E4 40 DF: £7.20 CSF £17.43 Thoset £285.27 DF-E720 CSF \$17.43 Tricest \$205.27
2.30 (5f) 1, Lucky Parkes (J Carroll, 5-6
law), 2, Normanian (4 i.), 3, Indianous (2-1) 3
lam 11/4, W. J Berry Tole \$1.50 DF
\$2.10 CSF \$23 63
3.00 (1m 5f 175/g0) 1, Malenoir (I. Chernock, 4-1), 2, Vasiliev (6-1), 3, Easy Over (100.30 law), Bran. NR, Megan's Fight 5h
lid, St. W Pearce Tote \$2.90; \$2.180, \$2.00, \$1.10 DF-\$2.590 CSF \$20.84.
Tricast \$102.14.
3.30 (1m 4f 44/g0) 1, Lady St Lawrence (J Lowe, 13-8 law), 2, Stranford Lady (3-1), 3, Major Risk (10-1) 9 ran. 1/41, 51 M Prescott. Toke, \$2.70, \$1.10, \$1.50, \$2.20 CF
\$2.40 CSF \$16.64
4.00 (7f) 1, Nick On Majestic (S Wood, 15-1), 2, Act Of Union (7-2), 3, First Gold (8-1) Bold Setho 11-10 law 8 ran Sh hd, \$2/m Nighton 11, \$20, \$20, \$1.50, \$2.20, \$1.50, \$2.10 DF \$2.20 00 CSF, \$267.55 Tricest \$2.48.20
4.30 (7h) 1, Pridian (R Cochrane, 4-1), 2, \$2.40.07 (1), \$2.70, \$2.70, \$1.50, \$2.20, \$2.50, \$1.50, \$2.40.07 (1), \$2.70, \$2

E48.20
4.30 (7t) 1. Pridian (R Cochrane, 4-1), 2. Have Laylan (5-4 lay); 3. Tead (5-2), 9 ran, 1-9, 17 G Wrapp Tole: E4 50; E1 30, E1 3 Perth

Goling: good
3.45 (2m et hube) 1, Ausenmedin (Peter Hobbs, 4-1); 2, Par Avion (20-1); 3, Native Crown (20-1); 2, Par Avion (20-1); 3, Native Crown (20-1) Danta's Interno 11-8 tax 15 ran. %1, 21. P Hobbs Tote £ 43.0; 51.60, 53.80, 58.70, DF: £49.90 CSF: £55.91.
4.20 (3m ch) 1, Kirsty's Boy (L O'Hers, 3-1); 8-lav); 2, Retver's Lad (20-1); 3, Black Spar (5-1). Romana Sarthdey 3-1 (4-tax, 8-tax, 6-1). Romana Sarthdey 3-1 (4-tax, 8-tax, 6-1). Romana Sarthdey 3-1 (4-tax, 8-tax, 6-1). Romana Sarthdey 3-1 (4-tax, 6-tax, 6-

245.70. Tricast: 2287.90.
4.50 (2m hdle) 1, Arctic Skylight (G McCourt, 8-1); 2, Chantry Bortle (11-1); 3, Shvijaya (6-1). Crosshot 3-1 fav. 8 ras. 21, bd. G Richards. Tota. 210.50; 22.20. 22.40, 21.50. DF: 228.90. CSF: 278.65. Tricast: 5519.38.
5.20 (2m ch) 1, Saver Hello (L O'Hars. 7-1); 2, Dubales (20-1); 3, Charming Gaie (50-1), Arpal Breeze 4-6 fav. 8 ran. 10, 201. Mass L Perratt. Tota. 24.00; 21.40, C1.50, E2.40. DF: 227.10. CSF: 208.72.

E2.40. OF \$27.10. CSF, £38.72.

5.50 (2m holle) 1. Master Offite House (S. Lyons, 4-1) 2. Zerbano (13-2): 3. Key Dear (16-1). Faith Homeo 5-2 fav. 15 ran. Nc. %1. M Hammond. Tole. £4.70. £2.30. £2.90, £3.60. OF £17.40. CSF: £29.13. 8.20 (3m holle) 1. Fettucine (Miss. P. Robson, 5-4 fav): 2. Monaru (13-9): 3. Sweet City (11-4). 4 ran. 3/ti, 121. W A Stephenaon. Tole: £2.60. OF £1.90. CSF £3.53. Placement Not swelleble. Placepor: Not available.

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and the second of the

Eddery treble sparked by **Power Lake**

POWER Lake returned to form at Folkestone yesterday, sparking off a treble for champion jockey Pat Eddery. Placed in group company at two, Richard Hannon's colt reportedly swallowed his tongue when well beaten in the Abernant Stakes at Newmarket last week.

Equipped with a dropped noseband and with his tongue safely tied down. Power Lake made no mistake in the Folkestone Stakes.

Smartly out of the gate, the 9-4 favourite made all, resisting Arctic Appeal's deter-mined late challenge by a neck. Sabre Rattler is progress-

ing into a useful juvenile, and enjoyed a convincing halflength success over Greenwich Chalenge in the Glover Insurance Services Stakes.

Truben completed Eddery's treble and maintained Henry Cecil's 50 per cent strike rate this season with success in the Barham



three runs, was most impres-Hill from a very bad draw.
Of the remainder, I have sive in landing a gamble in a televised Kempton handicap on Saturday but is sure to most regard for the veteran. Lady's Mantle, who won three races last season, two on start a short-priced favourite here and there are reasonable southern raids. However, she grounds for opposing him. is likely to need another run Firstly, he is not well drawn and faster ground before in stall five of 14 on a course striking form and the two where a high draw is normalrecent winners are preferred ly considered a big advan-tage: secondly, he will be on this occasion. Rousitto is nominated as racing on ground faster than the day's best bet in the Brian he has encountered in his Oughtred Handicap after three wins; and finally, he will two promising runs in better company. Reg Hollinshead's be taking on older horses for the first time. gelding found a mile too short MANDARIN THUNDERER RICHARD EVANS 2.15 Garden Of Heaven. 2.15 Jathaab 2.45 Skipper To Bilge. 2.45 Yonge Tender. 3.15 ROUSITTO (nap). 45 Laurel Oueen 3.15 Rousi 3.45 Doulab's Image. 3.45 DOYCE (nap). .15 Strip Cartoon. 4.15 Don't Run Me Over. 4,45 Miss Phun. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 MAJED (nap). 3.45 Colossus. GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F. HIGH NUMBERS BEST 2.15 ALD WILLIAM HODGSON MAIDEN STAKES (£2,284: 1m 100yd) (10 runners) 1991: ARATOS 3-8-13 W Ryan (11-6 tav) H Cool 15 mm COMBATIVE 41/4 5th of 15 to Kitsep in a maidian at Brighton (1m, good to firm) with SELLATRIX 91/4 5th.

DOUGHMAN 10 8th of 12 to Danning Boy in a maidian at Thirsk (8f, good to firm). HAROLDON SI 6th of 15 to Polan Count in a graduation reas at Manapan (1m, good to soft).

JATHAAS 41/4 8th of 20 to Manapan in a maid and middle-distance winner Muses.

Selection: HAROLDON 2.45 BRIAN BOYES CLAIMING STAKES (22,402: 1m 100yd) (16 runners) FORM FOCUS MAJED 2% 4th of 13 to Myfontaine in a hendicap at Neumarket (1m 2t, good to firm). Previously, beat Rose Glen 3t in a hendicap at Hemiton (1m 1f 110yd, good to sett), with LAURES, QUEEN (4th better off) 21-11 4th and SKIPPER TO BLIGE 7th. SKIPPER TO BLIGE 5 that I have a set of 1 2 to 1 1 to Colessas in a hendicap at 17-runner handicap at Kempton (7t, good) in September 18t. ANC SEING has been off the course and distance (good), on penaltimate start. YONGE TENDER 5t 6th of 16 to Lombard Staps in a select at Threst (7t, good), with ANGES. TRAIN talled-off 15th.

Selection: LAURES, QUIEN 3.15 BRIAN OUGHTRED HANDICAP (£2,929: 1m 1f 207yd) (12 runners)

1991: TAP DANCING 5-7-9 J Quint (25-1) M O'Nell 14 ren

FORM FOCUS

THUNDERER

3.30 Flight Hill. 4.00 Greenheart.

2.30 KELLYS COPIERS CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,038: 2m) (18 runners)

BETTING: 5-2 Star Cals, 4-1 Really Honest, 9-2 Arpai Forever, 6-1 Blueteven Phyer, 8-1 Marc Miller, 10-1 Be My Era, 12-1 Rejaye, 16-1 others.

1991; BELDINE 6-11-11 L O'Haru (14-1) P Monteith 22 run

BETTING, 94 Stepfaster, 7-2 Blakes Son, 41 Peacework, 9-2 Choice Challenge, 8-1 Zem's Slave,

1981: INTERIM LIB 8-10-3 J Bracthume (14-1) Mrs 8 Bracthume 8 cm

3.00 VELUX HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £2,355: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 SWIFT SWORD.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM PATCHES)

4.30 Swift Sword.

2.30 Really Honest.

MANDARIN

2 30 Star Oats.

3.00 Peacework. 3.30 Flight Hill.

Long handicap: Zam's Slave 9-6

RICHARD EVANS

3.00 PYJAMAS (nap). 4.00 Greenhaurt.

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3.45 CHARLES GREIG HANDICAP (52,856: 7f 100yd) (11 runners) BETTING: 3-1 Colosess, 7-2 Eurobiate, 4-1 Doyce, 11-2 Doubb's Image, 8-1 Blue Grit, 10-1 Ambien King, 12-1 Supreme Boy, 14-1 Yours Or Mine, 16-1 others. 1981: BOURDWILLE 599 W Has Not D Advisord 13 pm COLCSSUS best Leurel Closes 11th in a 14-numer handlosp, over course and distance (good), on penutitimate start with EUROSLAKE (same terms) 11th STARISTAN (RNG 22) 12th. DOULAS'S 84-18th STARISTAN (RNG 22) 12th STARI 4.15 GEORGE CULLINGTON HANDICAP (53,027: 5f) (14 TURNOR)

PTING: 54 Double Blue, 54 Strip Carloon, 64 in: A Whiti, 84 Lest Steam, 10-1 Fighter Squadren, | Absolutely Nuts, 14-1 Don't Run Me Over, 18-1 Minisen Music, Per De Lima, 20-1 others. | 1801: EAGER DEVA 40-11 S Perios (8-2 tor) R Hollandead 14 run

FORM FOCUS DOUBLE BLUE test Don't Smile 314 in a 22-runner
If in Previously,
Annalism at Kempton (67, good to soft), Previously,
on perultimate start MISS SEALM 32 and of 8 to
part FISHTER SOLUADION (70 bester orl) 7 is a
The William is a display at Promitted ES, Entry on

beat FRENTERI SCUADRON (fin butter off) it is a "Truth Willard in a claimer at Portnibuct (Si, Erm) on parallement rendices at Portnibuct (Si, sort), STRIP CARTCON beat Lord High Admirel Hi in a \$2-minor hendices at Ripom (Si, sort), on perustrinate ment little Ripom (Si, sort), or sort little Rigom (Si, sort), or sort little Ripom (Si, sort), or sort little Ripom (Si, sort), or sort little Ripom (Si, sort), sort lit

4.45 CAPTAIN STORIE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (£2,186: 1m 3f 216yd) (6 runners)

DOCKET (4) McKnight) B Hambury 4-9-10.

B-MOTLEY 205 (L Sayot) W G M Tayour 4-9-10.

WEDDONG VOW (7in Out Stable) J Gondon 4-9-10.

S-RIRSTEN 16 (Lord Houset de Waiden) W Javie 3-8-3.

MISS PLUM 173 (E St George) H Cool 3-8-3.

MISS PLUM 173 (E St George) C Svittain 3-6-3.

BETTRIC: 5-4 Miss Plum, 5-2 IGisten, 4-1 Wedding Yow, 11-2 Nine's Chocolates, 12-1 Doctor, 28-1 Melley. 1991: OWLER 3-8-0 W Ryan (4-5 lay) H Cacil 7 nm FORM FOCUS

LADITLEY 10M 6th of V to Labitmum in a making at the high-class middle distance performer Per Quod. Brighton (1m 2i, good). KIRSTEN 5% 3rd of 5 to All At Sea in at Nothingham (1m 2i, good).

At Sea in at Nothingham (1m 2i, good).

MINA'S CNOCOLATES is a harf-eighter to two profiles with the wind of 22 to Current in meldion at Newmerket (71, good). DOCKET is a half-eight 10.

Selection: KIRSTEN

COURSE SPECIALISTS Williams Burnery Barcont JOCKEYS TRAINERS

PROUSITTO 2'41 3rd of 17 to Revit in a handlesp at Ripon (im 2), soft), with VAGUE DANCER 12'41 8th cap at Portofract (1m 2), good to soft), with PLOAT-and TOUCH ABOVE 11th.

NOBBY 111 13th d 20 to Cartel in a handlesp at Naturajham (im, good to firm). TOUCH ABOVE, six times a course and distance where, most recently beating First 8ch Vil in a 10-runner handlesp (good to firm) an August, with PLOATING LINE 6'44 6th. 3.30 GLENGOYNE HIGHLAND MALT TAMEROSIA HOVICES CHASE SERIES

4.00 R M C CATHERWOOD LTD LITTLE BAY HANDICAP CHASE

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Adams and tailenders give West Indies a total to defend in historic Test match

Ambrose strikes to put pressure on South Africa

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

his overnight partner. Walsh,

though, another Jamaican,

stayed ten overs in a ninth-

wicket stand before Patter-

sor, a third Jamaican, joined

Adams in thwarting the

South African attack. South

Africa took a new ball after

lunch but the total continued

Adams, aged 24, showed commendable determination

and skill as he desperately

fought to stretch the West

Indies lead and simulta-

neously nurse his tailend

partners. The South African

bowlers failed to bowl a tight

line on a wearing pitch on which the ball often tended to

shield Benjamin when West Indies resumed at 184 for

seven. Donald and Bosch

shared the attack on an over-

cast, windy morning and Benjamin had faced only sev-

en balls when, in the day's

sixth over, Donald had him

leg-before against one that failed to lift. Benjamin had

survived a similar appeal ear-

A no-ball by Donald took West Indies to 200 and they

also benefited with four byes

when Richardson was unable

to deal with a leg-side ball from Bosch that scuttled

lier in the over.

Adams did his best to

creep through low.

SOUTH Africa, left to make 201 to win the Test match here yesterday, lost two early

Andrew Hudson, who made 163 in South Africa's first innings, was out off the second ball of their innings without scoring. Hudson was caught by Brian Lara off the bowling of Curtly Ambrose.South Africa were 27 for two when Ambrose struck again, bowling Mark Rushmere for three.

South Africa dismissed West Indies for 283 shortly after lunch on the fourth day yesterday. Jimmy Adams, playing his first Test match, finished 79 not out, with 12 fours, after batting three hours 40 minutes

West Indies added a further 99 runs yesterday, with Adams sharing a tenth-wicket stand of 62 in 17 overs with Patrick Patterson. The gritty, late resistance by West Indies maintained the tension which has been present from the start of a remarkable game.

Barely 500 people were in the ground as the Barbados public's boycott over the exclusion from the West Indies team of Anthony Cummins

Adams, a Jamaican lefthander, soon lost Benjamin,

hams low b Sned CEL Ambross c Patherson b Donald K C G Benjamin low b Donald C A Weish c Richarden b Snell B P Patterson b Socoh Sxtree (b 17, lb 11, nb 20)

MARK Ramprakash has

been fined and severely repri-manded by Middlesex after

his outburst at Fenner's earli-

er this week. The England

batsman, aged 22, admitted

disrepute during his county's

match against Cambridge

Ramprakash made abusive

remarks to the Cambridge

University off spin bowler,

Marcus Wight, and was then

involved in a row with John

Emburey, who was captain-

ing Middlesex in the absence

of Mike Gatting, after the

Cambridge University cap-

tain. John Crawley, had com-

Middlesex responded yes-

terday by setting up a disci-

plinary hearing at Lord's

plained about the incident.

University on Monday.

ne prougnt the

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-68, 3-69, 4-120, 5-139, 6-164, 7-174, 6-196, 9-221.
BOWLING: Donald 25-3-77-4 (nb 6):
Bosch 24.3-7-61-2 (nb 4): Snetl 16-1-74-4 (nb 2): Pringle 16-0-43-0 (nb 8).
BOUTH AFRICA: First Impigs 345 (A C Purbon 185, K C William 195; J C Adams 4 for 43)

Reprimand for Ramprakash

under their chairman, Mike

Afterwards, the county sec-

retary. Joe Hardstuff, issued a

statement which said:

"Ramprakash has admitted

that his behaviour at Fenner's

brought both Middlesex and

the game of cricket into

disrepute and he has

committee gave Ramprakash

a severe reprimand, cau-

tioned him about his future

conduct and fined him the

maximum amount permis-

The fine is likely to be

around £500 and Middle-

sex's prompt action could be

seen as sufficient response by

the Test and County Cricket

Board. Hardstaff added that

Even so, the disciplinary

apologised unreservedly.

along the ground. Bosch bowled six overs for 15 runs before Pringle replaced him and had an appeal for a catch. behind against Adams rejected.
West Indies added 35 in the first hour before drinks

were taken, after which Snell replaced Donald and dismissed Walsh with his second ball. Adams had allowed Walsh an equal share of the bowling but the fast bowler was unable to deal with a ball which lifted and left him. Richardson took a good catch diving to his right to give Snell his eighth wicket in the game, a memorable Test

Adams clearly had less faith in Patterson's ability to stay long. Twice he spurned singles to keep the bowling and then promptly attacked Snell in the next over, which cost 15 runs. Adams began by lifting an on-drive into the vacant outfield and the batsmen were able to run four. Adams also cover-drove a four and earned another with an inside edge to the long leg boundary.

This unintentional shot took Adams to 52 after two hours 35 minutes. His fifty came from 117 balls and included eight fours.

Patterson drove Pringle for an unexpectedly classic four through the covers but then survived a hard, low chance to Hudson in the gully against the same bowler. Patterson was then eight and the

A long hold-up followed when Patterson had to be treated for a leg injury after being struck on the calf. By

as far as Middlesex were con-

cerned the matter was now

However, Monday's inci-

dent will leave another ques-

tion mark over Ramprakash's

international future. The

England captain, Graham

Gooch, is a stickler for disci-

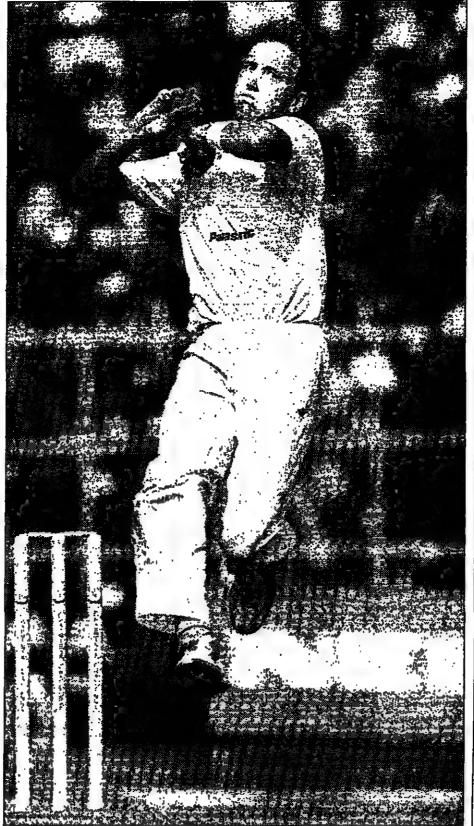
pline and neither he nor the

selectors are likely to take

kindly to Ramprakash's petu-

lant behaviour.

against Pakisten.



Morning glory: Donald won a leg-before appeal in the sixth over of the day

Payne's chance for Somerset

SOMERSET, troubled by injuries even at this early stage of the season, have called up 18-year-old all-rounder. Andy Payne, to make his debut in their Benson and Hedges Cup zonal maich against Yorkshire at Taunton today. Payne, who was born in Rossendale, Lancashire, has played for England at both under-17 and under-19

He had a disappointing The Combined Universities winter, failing to win a place squad of 14 for their opening in either the Test or one-day match in this year's competiinternational side in Australtion, against Worcestershire asia, made little impact when at The Parks, includes Oxhe joined the England A team ford's Australian freshman, in the West Indies and began Jason Gallian, who made this season behind other can-112 against the same oppodidates for a middle-order nents earlier this week. position in the Test series

Kent's former England allrounder, Richard Ellison, has

not recovered from the back problem and will miss the game at Trent Bridge, where Nottinghamshire will be led by Paul Johnson, who has recovered from a thumb injury, in the continued abs of Tim Robinson.

Essex, smarting under their crushing defeat by Lancashire in their opening match, are at Southampton to play Hampshire, who have to decide whether to continue with Robin Smith as an opening batsman, the role he filled successfully in the Sunday League win over Gloucestershire. The option is to recall Tony Middleton. Hampshire may well field two spinners in Shaun Udal and Ian Turner.

Sussex, who meet Leicestershire at Grace Road, could

that Ian Salisbury has recovered from a pulled muscle behind his left knee. Colin Wells will again be absent. however, because of a poisoned thumb.

The Glamorgan captain, Alan Butcher, who has a calf strain, will miss the game against Derbyshire but hopes to be fit for the first championship match of the season, against Middlesex at Lord's on Saturday. Matthew May-nard will lead the side at Derby.

☐ The West Indies captain. Richie Richardson, will miss the start of the Northern League season. Blackpool's professional is returning to Antigua for personal reasons after the Barbados Test.

TENNIS

Becker battling to master any surface tension

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN MONTE CARLO

A CAREER spent trying vainly to combat the unnatural properties of clay seems to have turned Boris Becker into something of an amateur philosopher. Becker has yet to win a senior clay-court tournament and his first attempt of the year, in Barcelona earlier this month, was rather less than glorious as he was beaten by an unknown Spanish qualifier, Jordi Burillo, in his first hunch.

Asked yesterday, after a stuttering 6-1, 3-6, 6-2 win over Tom Nijssen in the second round of the Monte Carlo Open, whether it became more difficult to overcome his clay-court jinx with each passing year, the top seed replied with a beavy sigh: "I tell you what, there are many more important things to life than clay-court winning tournaments."

True enough, but even Becker might change his tune if he did, by chance, complete his collection of grand slam titles by winning the French Open in six weeks time.

There was little to suggest in his 2hr 32min of anguish against Nijssen, a highly accomplished doubles player but a relative novice at singles on clay, that Becker has anything new to offer this year other than good honest toll and a firm belief that, one day, luck will go his way. Certainly, his wayward form did little to inspire confidence in his chances of beating Aaron Krickstein in the third round today. The American is a very much better clay-court player than Nijssen.

At times, as he plods to his chair, covered in clay, Becker looks as if he is just endured a day of hard labour in the fields. At other times, notably in reaching the final here last year and the semi-final of the French Open, he plays like a

genuine paid-up member of the clay-court union, harnessing power to an astonishing delicacy of touch. "It has been this way for the last eight years," he said. "I have to hope that one or two important points go my way this

Becker might at least reflect that he has lasted longer than Sergi Bruguera, the defending champion, who has yet to recover the form of last year when he was the acknowledged master of this surface. The Spaniard seemed to be in control as he took the first set from Goran Proic but lost his way totally thereafter, surrendering his title 4-6, 6-4, 6-0. Another former champion.

Andrei Chesnokov, has had an eventful week too. The Russian, who won the title in 1990, was taken to hospital on Tuesday suffering from hypertension, but emerged yesterday to reach the third round with a 7-6, 6-4 win over Magnus Gustafsso. With Goran Ivanisevic apparently fully recovered from his palpitations and ready to return to the fray in Munich next week, it has been a busy time for the local medics. But as Chesnokov is about as exmust have been one of the Stranger diagnoses on record.
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(ft) bt M Koevermers (Neth). 6-3, 6-4; J
Sinchez (Sp) bt J Arrase (Sp), 7-6, 6-2; F
Roig (Sp) bt J Yzaga (Sp), 7-8, 6-2;
Roig (Sp) bt J Yzaga (Sp), 7-8, 6-2;
8-cond round: A Boetsch (Fr) bt A Mandril
(Arg), 7-5, 7-8; M Larrason (Swe) bt P Kords
(C2), 6-3, 6-3; Kriotistein bt L-A Wahigern
(Swe), 6-1, 6-1; T Muster (Austria) bt A
Volicov (CIS), 6-2, 4-6, 6-1; E Sénchez (Sp)
bt S Pascosoldo (ii), 3-8, 7-6, 7-8; M Rosset
(Switz) bt Champion, 7-8, 6-2; W Forreits
(SA) bt C Couts (Sp), 4-8, 6-1; Kovacak
bt T Carbonal (Sp), 8-1, 4-5, 8-1; Novacak
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EQUESTRIANISM

Badminton winner to miss this year's event

VIRGINIA Leng, twice a pre-vious winner. heads an inter-which has withdrawn after national entry of 115 for this year's Badminton horse trials from May 7 to 10. The British selectors will be using the event as their main guide before announcing the team for the Olympics (a Special

Correspondent writes). The Irishman II, last year's winner when ridden by Rodney Powell, will not be fit to compete but Leng will be reunited with Master Craftsman, the 1989 winner, who is back after having a year off

because of injury. The Colt Car Company has taken over the Badminton

30 years, and the 85 starters - the maximum permitted will be competing for the Mitsubishi Motors Trophy.

Hugh Thomas has included 12 new, testing fences among the 29 to be jumped on his four-and-aquarter mile cross-country course.

Leng reported yesterday that Master Craftsman was "physically stronger and going better than ever". She is hoping to be at Barcelona to try to improve on the individual bronze and the team silver won in 1988.

GOLF: CANNES OPEN GETS UNDER WAY TODAY

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Career change spurs Willison

BY JOHN HENNIOUS

RICKY Willison has received immediate reward for his third place in the Moroccan Open at Rabat, only his fifth granted the last of ten invitations from the sponsors. Credit Lyonnaise, of the Cannes Open which starts today.

The prize fund at the

Cannes Mougins Country

Club is £350,000, which

means that a place in the top

ten would be enough to guar-antee Willison his player's card for 1993, a distinction that surprisingly eluded him at the Volvo PGA Tour school at Montpellier last autumn. Willison believes that one of the secrets of his success and third place last Sunday. for a man of his limited experience as a professional, must be so regarded — is that he and the other two musketeers of English amateur golf in recent years. Gary Evans

and Jim Payne, are feeding

off each other.
After Evans's second place in Malaga and tied eighth in Tenerife, Willison came in with a tied sixth finish at Florence. Payne with a third in Rome and Willison followed suit at Rabat. Evans has accumulated £49,902 in prize-money so far this year,



Willison £24,766 and Payne David Gilford took the first prize at Rabat, but although, like Willison, a winner of the England amateur championship, he is now a seasoned professional, even a Ryder Cup player. Willison, by con-

trast, is a new recruit. Is he, one wonders, a rookie on the rise, at the ripe old age of 32?
It is no doubt that his warm personality has led to the comfortable position whereby his future is assured for some time ahead in any case. Two members of his Ealing chub, one a publisher, the other a builder, are gen-erously sponsoring him for the next five years.

Until last year, Willison was a printer in his father's business. That did not appeal to him as a full-time career and he decided, to general astonishment, to try his hand as a professional golfer at an age when some have tried and failed. A blazing performance in comes all that often.

zons, though an amateur attitude still persists. "I love matchplay," he says, "and bring that to my golf as a pro. That's the way I like to treat my playing partners." He confesses that he has

teur championship at Formby had fuelled his de-

sire to reach out for new hori-

not enjoyed professional golf as much as the amateur game. "I like skylarking about," he admits, "and I guess that's not the done thing among the pros. Maybe there's too much hanging on it. But what a great way to earn a living." He was married last De-

cember, which, he thinks, has helped him to mature. It was a big help that his wife plays well herself, as a member of Sudbury. "She can buck me up when I'm feeling down," he said. A Willison watcher for many years now, I cannot imagine the need

Feherty hamstrung by the pull of family ties

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN CANNES

AS FAR as Jenna McFee is concerned, her daddy, Andy, is the tournament director at Campbell's Jam this week. He is, in fact, at Cannes Mougins, a beautiful country club with the best pastry chef on the Côte d'Azure, for the Credit Lyonnais Cannes Open, which starts today. Jenna could be forgiven her

mistake. She is only two and

let alone French. She is, how- I've been back to South Africa in the search for them, his ever, good at heartstring-tugging phrases, such as: "Why are you going away again, Daddy? David Feheny, the defending champion, knows all about those, and the only reason he is here is that he won the title last year.

His heart, and most of his head, is in South Africa, where his wife, Caroline, is expecting baby Feherty No. 2. "We're told it's a little girl," Feherty said, "but Caro-line hasn't been too well and six times in the last two

The personable Irishman has played only three tournaments this year, including the Masters, where the combination of seeing and playing Augusta for the first time, meeting Kiri Te Kanawa (he is an opera buff) and worrying about home was too much for him.

His arrival here was complicated by Air France, return ticket, but it lost the bags last year and he won, so he remains hopeful, despite his lack of form.

Also in poor form, though he avoids airline hassles by flying in his own plane, was lan Woosnam, who thought he had not really played well for months. "I want to win a. major this year," he said, having felt the loss of his green jacket keenly, "but at of the Longines Classic going the moment I can't see a way into liquidation." They failed whichlost his bags and then. of winning any tournament." to pay to the Tour prize-

Tour starts in an uncertain mood

BY MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

THE curtain rises on the 1992 Women Professional Golfers' European Tour (WPGET) next week with the Ford Classic, and with a scenario which at best could be described as unpredictable. Andrea Doyle, the executive director of the WPGET,

announced yesterday that the Longines Classic has been cancelled and that the Italian Classic is similarly threatened. Doyle is hopeful of saving only the Italian Classic. If it perishes, it will be the sixth tournament to do so since last Two new tournaments do

little to balance the books. There will be only ten tournaments in Europe, excluding the Weetabix British Open and Solheim Cup, compared to 18 two years ago. Two will be in England, but none is scheduled for Ireland, Scotland or Wales. Doyle, who took over from

Joe Flanagan last September, remains bullish. "We have set our stall out for 1993," she said. "We have two new events already scheduled and two others under negotiation. We hope to find an alternative sponsor for the Italian Classic, although we are at the twelfth hour now, and anything new that comes our

way this year will be a bonus."-Doyle insists that she did not inherit a "very healthy bank balance", and it has not been helped by the promoters

money amounting to fi10,000," Doyle said. "We have so far obtained \$40,000 although to get £20,000 of it I went to their offices before Christmas, refused to leave without a payment and brought it back in French

francs in my handbag." Doyle revealed that all the players, including the winner, Penny Grice-Whittaker, were paid out of the WPGET reserve bank. "In future it will be a prerequisite that spon-sors pay a deposit on confirming the event and the full prize fund at least seven days in advance." Doyle said. "Our reserve fund is now, in a four letter word, sick. "The staff are still being

paid but we have to turn it into an effective and efficient business. We have been on a downward spiral and what we must do is stop it then push it up again. We must take a positive attitude." It has not been easy for

Doyle, with the recession biting deep, but she might be in need of a magic wand, as well as her marketing skill.

as her marketing skill.

1922 WPGET DATES: April 30 to May 3: 285,000 Ford Ladies Classic (Wobsm). May 7 to 10: 580,000 Agr Open de Paris (Gold de la Boulis). May 21 to 24: 5140,000 BMW European Mastern (Berout: Brisesel). May 25 to 31: 550,000 Stof Club Classic (La Manga, Spein). June 25 to 28: 5100,000 The European Open (Beuerberg, Murich). July 8 to 12: 5120,000 Harnesey Cup (Goln Fistrati, Cologne). July 30 to 20: 500,000 English Open (The Tytherington Chip, Macclestiaci). July 30 to 22: 550,000 Northerlands Open (Fisiance, nr Stockholm). Sept 17. as 20: 110,000 Master Open (Fisiance, nr Stockholm). Sept 17. as 20: 550,000 Westebbis British Open (Woburn). Oct 2 to 4: Softein Cup (Calmarkoy). Oct 18 to 18: US \$500,000 The Sumice Cup (Telwan).

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Counssionable ased the occaston to bid farewell to their Beierun, Gefender. Jahr Rocian, who played a token 15 minutes before retiring from the international game-Jareen Kansmann and Michael Frontzeck had good early enances but the Czechostevakia captain. Vaciav Nemecek, came alovest to breating the early deadlock in the first 20 minutes.

Nemecek had been on the pitch purely two mistures in he replaced Roclan - when his firm right-foot shot drew a good reaction save from the goalkeeper, Andreas K terke. Hassler was on tarket after Ministay Radiochad neguetit down the team captuin. Rudi Völler. The ensuing 25-yard free kick sent Jun Siejikal, in-

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GUY Pooley, the recent winner of the Scallers Head, will defend his Wingfield Soulls title from Putney to Mortlake this afternoon.

The quiet man of British sculling, Pooley was selected for the Great Britain double sculls last summer after likeing in three Boat Races with Cambridge He is also in a Great Britain quad aiming for Olympic selection One of his quad crew mates.

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upper wind ranges. Marc

Pajot, whose beaten French

challenger, Ville de Paris, is

similar in size to the larger II

Moro di Venezia, said yester-

day that New Zealand's sails

are 20 per cent smaller, mak-

ing the boat much easier to

handle. The bigger sails on

Ville de Paris and Il Moro

can stretch the 16-man crew

to their limits and it is this,

rather than differences in

boat speed, that leads to the

mistakes that cost races, he

The challengers were given

a further boost yesterday

when checks on the exact

length of the two courses used for the defender and chal-

lenger trials revealed a 60-

yard difference. New

Zealand beat Bill Koch's lead-

ing defender, Americas, by

four-and-a-half minutes last

Sunday and by ten-and-a-

half minutes on Monday,

which suggests that the chal-

lengers have a considerable

speed advantage over the

play-off takes them to the

championship finals for the first time in six years.

Regardless of how they fare

at Wembley against Thames

Valley Tigers on May 2, Wor-

thing, third in the Carisberg

League, will have had their

best season. Tigers have won

nine of the clubs' last ten

meetings, but Shackleford

refuses to concede defeat. "If

we piay our normal game

there, we can beat anyone,'

he said, "but we have got to

have all our players playing

That was certainly the case

on Saturday, when seven

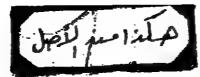
players featured among the

chiding Leo Rogers, who

came off the bench to hit 23

points. Heron (34 points) and Ronnie Baker (27) were

equally deserving of plaudits.



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Prague: Czechoslovakia continued to prove more than practice fodder for European championship-bound teams. Yesterday, they held Ger-many, the World Cup holders and favourites for Sweden, to a 1-1 draw here, after achieving a similar result against England last month.

Both goals came in a fran-tic period five minutes before the interval. Thomas Hässler put the visitors ahead in the fortieth minute with a free kick but Michal Bilek equalised three minutes later through a penalty.

The German manager, Berti Vogts, preparing for the European championship in June and deprived of key players through injury, fielded a largely experimental team. They played fluently but without the driving power of captain Lothar Matthaus. out for six months after suffering a knee injury in Italy,

they lacked direction. Czechoslovakia used the occasion to bid farewell to their veteran defender, Jan Kocian, who played a token 15 minutes before retiring from the international game. Jürgen Klinsmann and

Michael Frontzeck had good early chances but the Czecho slovakia captain, Vaclav Nemecek, came closest to breaking the early deadlock in the first 20 minutes. Nemecek had been on the

pitch barely two minutes - he. replaced Kocian - when his firm right-foot shot drew a good reaction save from the goalkeeper, Andreas Koepke. Hässier was on target after Miroslav Kadlec had brought down the team captain, Rudi

free kick sent Jan Stejskal, in goal, the wrong way. German celebrations were short lived. Thomas Helmer brought down Tomas

GUY Pooley, the recent win-ner of the Scullers Head, will

defend his Wingfield Sculls

title from Putney to Mortlake

The quiet man of British

sculling, Pooley was selected

for the Great Britain double

sculls last summer after los-

ing in three Boat Races with

Cambridge. He is also in a

Great Britain quad aiming

One of his quad crewmates,

the ebullient Peter Haining,

who was the Great Britain

lightweight sculler last sum-

for Olympic selection.

this afternoon.

Voller. The ensuing 25-yard



Skuhravy and Bilek converted the penalty.

Klinsmann missed a golden chance to secure victory early in the second half. Put through behind the defence, he rounded Stejskal but looped the ball over the open

GEECHOBLOVAKA: J Shiplant J Kodan (sub: Y Nemecsk), M Karlisc, J EM Gloriek, P Hapat, K Kufa (aut; H Slegi), L Kubk (sub: J Nemec), M Blak, T Skutrawy (sub: P Duboweky), P Kufa.
GERMANY: A Kospiter, M Biror, T Habrair (aub: A Modifer), S Efferberg, A Thorn (aut: M Sentrari), M Frontzeck, P Voeller, J Klimmern, J Missmann, J

☐ Rangers, who have already secured the Scottish Premier League title, are taking no chances when they face Motherwell at Fir Park to-night. Richard Gough, the captain, and the midfield player, Stuart McCall, one booking away from a suspension that would rule them out of the Scottish Cup final, will be rested, along with the defender, John Brown.

The Ukrainian, Oles Kuznetsov, starts only his fifteenth League game of the

Cl Paris: France, who invari-ably put country before club, will not replay their cup final on May 9. Eight of the national squad play for Mar-seilles, who are seeking a league and cup double, so the federation has ordered that a penalty shoot-out will be held after extra time, if required. ☐ Notts County will not try to stop manager Neil Warnock from leaving Meadow Lane at the end of the season if he wants to join another club. The chairman, Derek Pavis, said: "I would prefer Neil to stay but the decision is his." Il Singapore: Singgih Pitono scored with six min-

utes remaining yesterday to give Indonesia a 2-1 victory

over Singapore in the fourth

Crewmate threatens Pooley

BY MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING COKKESPONDENT

mer, will be among his five

opponents. Haining, in spite

of his lack of tideway know-

ledge, is probably Pooley's main rival, although Wade Hall-Craggs finished just be-hind Haining in the Scullers

Head and is also aiming for

course well and finished tenth

in the Scullers Head in spite

The remaining two

hopefuls are veterans by com-

parison. Tim Crooks, an Olympic medal winner in

Gareth Walters knows the

Barcelona

of a wrist injury.

round of the Asian Cup.

Leading example: Völler, the captain, earned the crucial free kick for Germany in Prague yesterday

Leicester inching closer

LEICESTER City are only four points away from a Premier League place after Tuesday night's 2-1 win over Cambridge United at Filbert Street Their last two conse Street. Their last two game are away to Charlton Athletic on Saturday and home to Newcastle United on May 2, a match which could also be of vital importance to their relegation-haunted visitors.

Brian Little's players, who have won seven of their last eight games, owed Tuesday's victory to goals from Tommy Wright and Phil Gee. Steve Claridge replied for Cambridge, who must now pur-sue promotion through the play-offs.

Ipswich Tewn's biggest crowd of the season, 22,393.

1976, whose Great Britain

representation goes back to 1971, won the last of his three

Wingfield titles in 1980, just

before today's umpire, Chris

Baillieu, began his run of

Julian Scrivener's last inter-

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turned up at Portman Road hoping to see a victory over Grimsby Town which would have guaranteed promotion. Instead, after a goalless game, ipswich still require a point from a visit to Oxford and a home game with Brighton to rejoin the elite after a

Churchou Affalenc moved above Biackburn Rovers and back into the top six after a 1draw with relegationthreatened Port Vale. Brian Mills gave the home side the lead at Vale Park before Steve Gritt, Chariton's joint player-manager, stepped off the susptitutes bench to score his first goal for Chariton since rejoining them three years ago.

Birmingham City stayed top of the third division despite a 3-2 defeat at Preston, who boast the League's only artificial surface. artificial Birmingham require five points from three games to guarantee a second divison

Peterborough United moved back into the play-off zone with a 3-1 home with over Swamsea. At the other end of the table, Shrewsbury kept their hopes of survival alive by beating Bradford 3-2, despite having Robert Hopkins sent off.

Mansfield joined the front-runners in the fourth division as Phil Stant scored all their goals in a 3-2 win over Halifax.

Davison is blocked by Leeds

THE Leeds United manager. Howard Wilkinson, has refused Sheffield United per mission to field Bobby Davison, the forward he loaned to their Yorkshire neighbours, in Sunday's crucial first division derby at Bramall Lane. ☐ Everton will be without the midfield player, John Ebbrell, for their final two games of the season. The England under-21 captain is suffering from a groin injury that may require surgery.

□ Wolverhampton Wanderers have signed the Burton Albion forward, Darren Roberts. Wolves will pay an initial

REAL TENNIS

Macintosh defies age gap

THE veteran Sheila Macintosh produced some of her very best tennis to win her opening match of the George Wimpey British Open championship at Hayling Island, giving a powerful per-formance against the consistent American, Sheila

SQUASH RACKETS

national appearance was in 1985. Pooley, on the Surrey station, will be keen not to be Macintosh, who is a former dropped around the first bend, which favours Scriven-er in the Middlesex station. England squash captain, started slowly but stepped up the pace in the second set. Winkersen Sculpt Line-U.F. @ Powing (Learder), P Heining (Learder), T Crooks (Singston), O Hall-Cragge (Tideway Soul-ara), G Welters (Tideway Sculers), J Scrivener (Lee). Although she was giving away nearly 30 years to her opponent, she more than

matched her for mobility and Bathurst Cup international anticipation during her victory by 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

weight of shot and determination paid off, giving her an outstanding victory.
The third seed, Alison Cockcroft, looked sharp and

consistent as she outplayed the gritty Jane Vaughan in straight sets. The England amateur side took a 2-0 lead over Australia on the opening day of the

deaux and look favourities to Although almost every game of the final set went to deuce, Macintosh's extra Snow, the world's leading amateur, beat the up-andcoming Australian, Chris Sievers, but had to fight bard to take the match from 4-4 in the third set.

amateur team event in Bor-

PRESULTE: British Open championship: Part round (British unless stated): J. Valence by S. Coulombia by S. Bicheno, 6-2, 6-2; A. Coulombia by S. Bicheno, 6-2, 6-2; A. Coulombia by S. Richeno, 6-2, 6-2; A. Coulombia by S. Rally (U.S.) 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; Bathurst Cup: England lead Australia, 2-0 (England names first); J. Snow bt C. Slovers, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4; A. Page by S. Rigg, 6-3, 6-1, 6-1.

Women: First round: 5 Scheffan (US) at M Avoline (Aus), 6-1, 6-4; V Bailut (Fr) of Y Gahon (Neith), 8-4, 6-4, J Humphroys (SA), 6-1 J Pullin (GB), 8-7, 6-1, 5-4, C Defale (Can) bit L MicShea (Aus), 3-6, 6-4, 6-1, A Hopszaly (Hun) bit C Huntil (GB), 8-3, 6-1, A Saurnen (Fr) bit C Taylor (GB), 7-6, 6-1, K Saurnen (Fr) bit C Taylor (GB), 7-6, 6-1, K Saurnen (Fr) bit Mond (GB), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, L AN (GB) bit A Mast Proli, 6-0, 6-2, 6-1, M Bernard (Can) bit M Arkbrahdt (Swe), 6-1, 6-4, 3 Simedows (Cz) bit A Defane (US), 4-6, 7-6, 6-3, 1 Fuller (US) bit A Varpula (Frin), 6-0, 6-2, 5 Saural (Aus) bit A Consted (Swe), 6-0, 4-6, 6-3, A Van Buuton (Morth) bit M Linusson (Swe), 6-3, 6-4, 3 A Saidalait (GB) bit L Bujor (Hom), 6-3, 3-6, 6-4

3-6, 6-4 KUALA LUMPUR: Women's tour-nement: Third round: P Parade-Mengon (Fr) bit M Mysuch (Japan), 6-2, 6-2, Fang (Chiva) bit R Reggi-Concalo (ft), 6-1, 6-9, C Lingvist (Swe) bit K Godnidge (Aus), 6-2, 6-4, 8 Rotter (Neth) bit I Demongeot (Fr), 6-1, 6-1.

WUGBY LEAGUE STONES EITTER CHAMPIONSHIP Play-offs, first round: Bramley 18, Keigh ley 18; Devisiony 24, Doncaster 6 Huddersfield 13, Hundel 6

ICE HOCKEY

INTERNATIONAL, MATCH: Sweden 3, Finland 0 (at Gothenburg)
MATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Play-offs, first round: Patrick direision: New Jensey Devis 7, New York Rangers 3 (best of-seven series level, 1-1). Washington Capitate 6, Pittsburgh Penguins 2 (Capitale feact, 2-0), Adams division: Montreal Carudiers 5. Hartford Whalers 2 (Candiens level, 2-0), Boston Bruins 3. Buffato Sabree 2 (semes fevel, 1-1).

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VACHTING

Safety of small sails in high wind impresses

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN SAN DIEGO

AS THE final trials for the er benefit, especially in the America's Cup resumed off San Diego yesterday, future Cup contenders have begun to focus on the differences in design between New Zealand's radical challenger and her remaining rivals.

Il Moro di Venezia, of Italy, and Bill Koch's top American. defence contenders, Americas and Kanza, have all been designed to the upper limits of the America's Cup class rule. They each have conventional bulb keel and rudder underwater configurations and carry the maximum sail

The smaller New Zealand,

designed by Bruce Farr, relies on a highly developed tan-dem keel, with two rotating ioils which also act as the yacht's nudders, to support a torpedo-shaped lead bulb which provides the ballast. Small adjustments to the relative angle of the two foils give the crew a choice upwind between the same straight line speed of her best rivals or a very high pointing angle. However, it is New Zea-land's lighter displacement and smaller sail area which

RESULTS: Defender trials (best of 13 races): America* (W Koch) leads Stars & Sinpes (D Conner), 2-0 Challenger trials (best of 9.1 More of Venezis (P Cayard, 1) level with New Zeeland (R Deven), 1-1. provide an equal if not great-

BASKETBALL

Worthing clinch Wembley place

By Nicholas Harling

IT WAS the last thing Neil McElduff, the Worthing assistant coach, needed. There he was in the locker-room, telling his players to concentrate on the game and ignore all thoughts of Wembley. And then, who should walk in but the dub's player-coach, Dale Shackleford, and top scorer, Brian Heron, wearing T-shirts enscribed: "Worthing Bears, Wembley 1992".

"Thanks very much lads," McElduff said sarcastically, his team-talk effectively ruined. When Leicester City Riders subsequently made light of a rocky start to pull back to 79-77 with 13 minutes left, it looked, indeed, as the better of the home side. But all was to end well for

McElduff and Worthing. Their 123-104 victory in the second leg of the quarter-final

STUDENT SPORT

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Hurt leads Colleges comeback

THE British Colleges women's hockey team sprang the first surprise of the Endsleigh festival yesterday when they beat the Polytechnics 3-2 at Birmingham University (Mark Herbert writes). Trailing in the second half,

the Colleges rallied superbly to overcome a side containing the England Under-21 cap-tain, Sally Eyre, and Julia Robertson, the England International. The turning point came when Jane Hurt produced a brilliant lofted shot from a short corner.

The Colleges also per-formed gamely in the men's match, drawing 2-2 against Polytechnics, the holders, after going behind to a Jamie Roberts penalty flick. Mar-cus Faithful and lan Harridge gave Colleges a first-half lead, but intricate stick-work and a rasping finish from Sam Crutchley gave the Polytechnics a point

Two goals in two minutes by Ben Barnett helped the Universities footballers to a 4-1 win over the Colleges.

Champion dropped for Games SHAUN Pearce, the world

kayak champion, has been left out of the British team for the Olympic Games. He was only fourth in the qualifying

TEAN: Men: Kayak: Richard Fox, M Jones, I Raspin Caradian singles: M Delansy, M Hedges, G Marriott, Worners: Kayak: Rachal Fox, L Simpson, K Like

Athletics: Peter Elliott gives the Yorkshire championships on May 16 a rare miss to race

a road mile in Aberdeen.

Elliott absent

Land ahoy Yachting: Paul Winkelman's Ireland Fling was last night set the achievable target of covering 90 miles in 18 hours to win the Corum China Sea. Race from Hong Kong to

Tunis return

Manila.

Tennis: South Africa return to the Davis Cup for the first time in 14 years with the qualifying tournament in Tunis from next Sunday.



BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia Philipes 7, Chicago Cubs 5 (10 Inns); Pittsburgh Prates 8, Montreal Expos 7; tew York Mets 4, St. Louis Cardinals 2; San Francisco Gaints 6, Houston Astros 2, San Deop Padres 4, Atlanta Braves 2, Cancumsti Reds 4, Loa Angeles Dodgers AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston Red Sox 3, Milwaukee Brewers 1: Toronto Blue Jays 2, Cleveland Indians 1. Detroit Tigers 4, Teass Rangers 2, New York Yankees 4, Chrcago Winte Son 3, Baltimore Onoles 10 Kaneas City Royals 4; Celifornia Angels 3, Oakland 4's 2, Minnesota Twine 5, Seattle Markners 2

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INGLEWOOD, California: North American Boxing Federation buntamweight championship: Cecilio Espino bi Antonio Ramiroz, iko, 5th ind

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FOOTBALL INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Conclusio-valda 1, Germany 1 (in Prague).

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION:
Cheleat 1, West Harn 0; Reading 2,
Millwali 2, Swindon 1, Arsenal 0; Fulfhum 0,
Chartton 0.

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ASIAN CUP: Fourth round: Singapore 1, Indonesta 2 (in Singapore).

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ISLE OF WIGHT: English schools' festivat: Leeds 1, Oxford 1, Liston 3, Plymouth 1; Peterborough 1, Vale of White Hore 0; Gateshead 2, Manchester 2; East Cornwail 1, Stockport 7, Bradford 2 Southempton 0; High Wycombe 1, Rotherham 8; Hantingdon 1, Wolang 3; Bury 1 Oscarum 0; Geoport 9, Shefffeld 0; Redbindge 3, Doncaster 1, tale of Wright 6, Spen Valley 2

Late results on Tuesday Late results on Tuesday
BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division:
Ipswich Town 0. Grunsby Town 0.
Leleaster City 2. Cambridge United 1.
Port Vale 1. Charlion Athletic 1. Third
division: Peterborough United 3. Switnsea City 1: Preston North End 3.
Birmingtom City 1, Strewbury Town 3.
Birmingtom City 1, Strewbury Town 3.
Redford City 2: Fourth division: Manafield Town 3. Hafriax Town 2: Walkall 0.
Carlisle United 0.
GMYAUXNALL CONFERENCE: Kiddee-

Carleie United 0.
GM VAUXHALL, CONFERENCE: Kidderminster Harners 2. Cheltenham Town 1.
6 AND Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier
division; Ardneonans 1, St Miren 1.
SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballyclane
Connades 0, Larne 5; Linfelld 0,
Glentoran 0; Portadown 3. Newry 0;
Cificonville 2, Bangor 0
NECOL LEAGUE: Bods VC Kerkmice 0. DUTCH LEAGUE Roda JC Kerknide 0, Apax 3 Leading positions: 1, PSV Eindhoven, pl 32, 54pts; 2, Apax, 32, 61; 3, Feyenoord, 31, 44

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MORECOMBE: English schools' Gillette festival: Essex A 3, United States North 1: Independent Schools 2, Merseyside 2: Northumberland 1, Warweisshre 1; Hertlordshire 1, Shropehire 2; Dorset 3, United States Esst 1; Greater Manchester 1, Cornwall 1; Hampshire A 5, Kont A 1; Middlesse 3, Herstond and Worzestersture 2; felse of Man 3, Lincolnshire B 0; Somerset B 3, Humberside B 1; Derbyshire B 0, Kent C 1; West Vortaitire 0, Cheshire 1; Lincolnshire A 1, Durham 0, South Yorkshire 1; Lincolnshire A 1, Durham 0, South Yorkshire 1, Dengel 2; Cumbria 3, Immer London 3; Somerset A 2, Derbyshire A 3, Humberside A 2, Avon 1; North Yorkshire 0, Lincolnshire 9; Hampelvine B 2, Merseyside B 0; Northumberland B 4, Shropshire B 1; Essex B 1, Kenl B 1.

CYCLING CYCLING
TOUR OF ARAGON, Spain: Fourth stage (Frage-Cerier, 178km): 1, L. Herrers (Col), 4hr 19min 45eec; 2, 3 M Fartan (Col), 4th 19min 45eec; 2, 3 M Fartan (Col), 4th 25eec behind; 3, C M Jasansko (Col), 17, 4, A Camergo (Col), 18, 5, F Hodriguez (Col), 20, 7, L. Espinosa (Col), 23, 7, N Ugrumov (Lith), 32; 9, F Echewe (Sp), 45; 10, L. Bezzalt (Fr), same time Overselt: 1, Herrera 15, 27, 01; 2, Ugrumov, at 11sec; 3, Bezzalt, 17; 4, M induran (Sp), 20; 5, Echswe, 24; 6, Suanahora, 25; 7, M Zanabenta (Sp), 41, 8, A Martin (Sp), 1:09; 9, O Luchwig (Ger), 1, 20; 10, E Corrador (Col), 1:22

REAL TENNIS BORDEAUX: Bethurst International team event: Australia bi France, 3-2 (Australia meet England in Briel). MFLE SHOOTING

JERSEY: British schools' smallbore rifle team tour: indoor 15 yards: 1, British Schools A 1,165pts; 2, Grouville RC, 1,150; 3, British Schools B, 1,146 50 metres English metch: 1, British Schools A, 3,476; 2, Jersey Outdoor RC, 3,460; 3, SI John's RC, 3,426; Individual: 1, 3 Le Coullard (Jer), 587; 2, J Renoul; Lery, 585; 3, D Russell (British Schools), 584, Indoor 15 yards: squal: 1, SI John's and Jersey Outdoor, 1,164, 3, British Schools, 4, 1160, Individual: 1, A Suerel (\$1,00n's), 198; 2, J Semools (British Schools), 197; 3, K Göbbons (British Schools), 198; 60 metres English match: Individual: 1, Gibbons, 585; 2, D Beardman (Sritish Schools), 586; 3, Simools, 581. RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: New 2m-land 54, World XV 26 (in Wellington). HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Carditi 18, Newport 13

RUTLAND SAILING CLUB Cadel In land nationals: Third race (provisional)
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Danny Sapsford: tennis victory at Nottingham

MIDLAND BANK JUNIOR COUNTY CUP: Boys: Group 24 (ar Shelfield); Essen 5. Warunokshro 4. Middlessx 7. Surray 2. Group 28 (Shelfield); Chashina 6. Avon 3. Lincohrative 5. Buckinghem-shre 4. Group 54 (Natfield); Somerael 5. West of Scottend 4: Yorkshire 7, Norfolk 2.

Group 38 (Hatfield): Luncashire 7, Staffordshire 2: Nortinghasishire 5, Subset 4 Group 48 (Telford): Delivatine 6, Berlashire 3, Leosastershire 5, Cambridge 4, Group 48 (Telford): Delivatine 6, Group 54 (Gardini Nales 4; Durham and Cleveland 8, Witshire 3, Group 5A (Cardini; North of Scotland 7, Bedfordshire 2; Conwell 6, East of Scotland 3, Group 56 (Cardini): Deven 8, Cumble 2; Northamotorshire 7, Oxfordshire 2; Group 56 (Sunderland) Glouceastershire 8, Chemiel Intende 1, Suffolk 9, South of Scotland 0 Group 6B (Sunderland): Morthamotorshire 1, Suffolk 9, South of Scotland 0 Group 6B (Sunderland): Morthamotorshire 1, Northamotorshire 3, Group 24 (Boston): Lelcastershire 8, Lelcastershire 8, Nortoli, 1; North Wales 6, Lelcastershire 8, Nortoli, 1; North Wales 6, Glouceastershire 9, Northam and Cleveland 6, Berkshire 4, Kenl 5, West of Scotland 4, Group 54 (Glasgow): Northamptonethire 9, East of Scotland 6, Derbyshire 9, East of Scotland 6, Derbyshire 9, Staffordshire 9, Set Of Man 1, Group 6B (Moddishirough): Northumberland 9, South of Scotland 9, Staffordshire 4, Bedliontshire 8, Correspill 1
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1: Syris Di Sauch Arabae, 3-0; Russian Di Catar, 2-3
SEOUL: Men's bournament: First round: G-Pozza (N) bit K-elenden (KZ), 3-6, 7-6, 6-3
PBauch (Zem) Di Ji Sung-He (S Kor), 6-2
B Black (Zem) Di Ji Sung-He (S Kor), 6-2
C-6, Kien Che-Wen (S Kor) bit K Current (LS), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 7-1 Hogerbort (Swe) bit B Peacos (LS), 6-3, 7-6, M Schapers (Neth) bit G Mahar (SA), 7-6, 6-3 Second round: G Racous (Fis) bit D Marcelina (BD, 6-4, 6-0.)
P Kutnen (Ger) bit P Lundgren (Swe), 6-3, 7-6, T Weodfordge (Aus) bit Chang Li-Jong (S Kor), 2-5, 6-4, 7-5; 3 Matsanda (Japon)-bit S Stoffe (Aus), 6-4, 6-4
MOTTFRIGHAM: LTA spring satisfies: Minr: First round: M Scholleid (GB) bit M Zumph (Gar), 6-2, 6-2, C Geyer (Ger) bit in Markov (Rom), 6-1, 6-1, P Nonval (SA) bit N Adorne (GB), 6-4, 6-2, D Sepatora (GB) bit R Statabi (Swe), 7-6, 7-6.

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Platini puts faith in Cantona and Papin

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ERIC Cantona, whose goals have helped revitalise Leeds United's challenge for the Football League championship in England, was selected yesterday in the France squad for the European champion-ship finals in Sweden in June. Cantona's partnership with

the Marseilles forward, Jean-Pierre Papin, gives Michel Platini, the France manager, potentially the most powerful attack in the tournament.

As expected, Platini has opted to take a third goalkeeper as extra cover. However, Pascal Olmeta, of Marscilles, will not count as one of the 20-man squad. Instead, he will travel with the party and be ready to step in if anything were to happen to Bruno Martini, or his understudy, Gilles Rousset, providing France are given approval by Uefa, the European governing body.

surprises in Platini's squad. He had already made it clear that the players he had selected in the past two years would be those on whom he would rely in Sweden. That means eight of the squad come from Marseilles, who are well on course for their fourth successive title, with Olmeta making it nine out of 21.

French, who are joint-favourites with Germany to take the European title they last won in 1984 — with Platini as their captain — have two warm-up matches scheduled.

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Swedish supporters queued this week for the last tickets for the finals. Many of the 28,000 tickets had been returned from Yugoslavia and the former Soviet Union, apparently because they cost too

"The championship will be a virtual sell-out," Mikael Salzer, the Swedish Football Association official responsi-

ble for ticket sales, said.

Of a total of 480,000 tickets for the 15 matches, 230,000 were allocated to Swedish supporters, 220,000 to the national federations of finalists, and the rest to spon-sors and the media. Salzer said. The finals, from June 10 to 26, feature Sweden, The Netherlands, Germany, France, England, Yugoslavia. the Commonwealth of Independent States and Scotland. They will be played in Gothenburg, Stockhölm, Malmö and Norrköping.

Salzer said many tickets

federations, probably because in the semi-finals and final in the 1988 championship in Germany.

round games, and from £12 to £54 for the final.
England, The Netherlands and Germany readily picked up their quota, but France returned some standing tickets and Scotland turned down part of their allocation.

The relatively small Swed-ish stadiums, which have capacities ranging from 17.000 to 35,000, mean meagre ticket allocations for visiting sup-porters. About 5,000 tickets were allocated to each participating country in every group match, but only about 2,500 to the semi-finalists and

English Football Associ-ation officials have tried unsuccessfully to increase their allocation, estimating that demand will far outstrip supply if England reach the later

stages of the tournament.
"The allocations have been decided by the European Football Union," Salzer said. Salzer said many tickets now on sale had been sent back by the Yugoslav and CIS

He pointed out that only 1,100 tickets were provided for supporters of participants

Worrall in charge

referee, will be in charge of the first leg of the Uefa Cup final between Torino and Ajax in Turin on April 29, it was announced yesterday. Zoran Petrovic, of Yugoslavia, will officiate in the return leg in Amsterdam on May

lona, has been awarded to Aron Schmidhuber, of Germany. Pletro d'Elia, of Italy. will referee the Cup Winners' Cup final between Monacoand Werder Bremen in Lis-

Wembley on May 20, be-

tween Sampdoria and Barce-

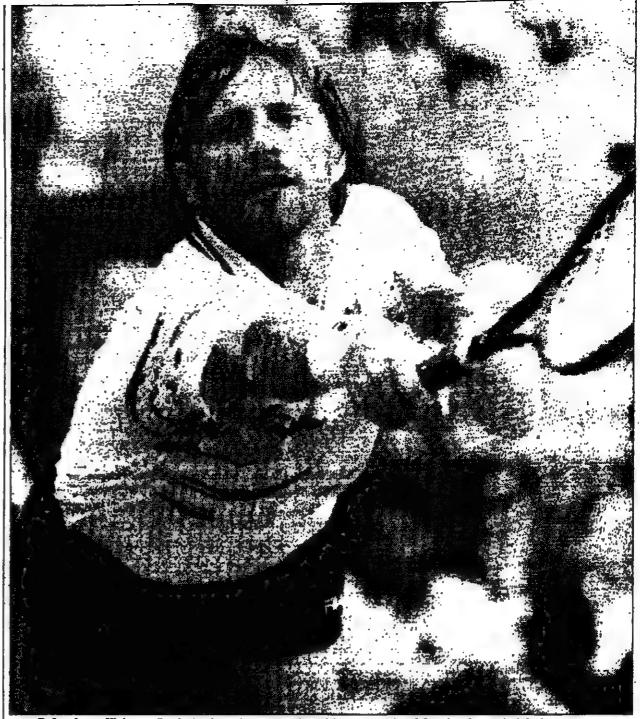
Swedish police have said they have mixed feelings about the shortage of tickets. less trouble, but English, Dutch and German tmublemakers could be more likely to misbehave if they travelled to Sweden only to find themseives locked out of matches.

The organisers have warned supporters without tickets to stay away, saying no tickets will be available when they get to Sweden. But police might still have to deal with trouble from home fans. Ten days ago the "Black Army" supporters of the Stockholm chib, Al K, ran on to the pitch in Norrköping, tearing down a reinforced fence. Police made 22 arrests in ensuing

Three players have been suspended from Serie A matches in Italy on Sunday. The League's disciplinary day that Carlos Bianchezi, of Atalanta, Enzo Francescoli, of Cagliari, and Gabriel Batisunta, of Fiorentina, were to be given one-match bans for protesting about decisions

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Relentless efficiency: Boris Becker, the top seed, on his way to a hard-fought, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 victory over the Dutchman, Tom Nijssen, in the second round of the Monte Carlo Open yesterday. Report, page 28

O'Kane recovers

to upset James

ITV's plans are complicated by police

BY PETER BALL AND LOUISE TAYLOR

United and Leeds United, or even Sheffield Wednesday. are still in contention after Sunday's games, ITV wanted the option of putting their matches the following weekend back 24 hours to the

The police, however, are insisting on their ten-day notice period for matches being observed, which means that ITV would have to decide

today whether to take the tomorrow and it is 5pm kick-offs. "We are invesmatches or not. With a fee in impossible." the region of £1 million being ably reluctant to decide before this weekend's games. when the championship

could be settled. "I'd like to take the decision on editorial grounds," Trevor East, executive producer of The Match, said yesterday, "but there are all sorts of considerations preventing that, and I'm still wrestling wth the problem. I've been asked to make a decision by

As well as police interveninto problems. If Manchester

ITV's desire to televise the discussed for the games — it is understand- into problems. If Manchester

ITV has already shown its also concerned that there should be no advantage given by the games — Manchester which promotion or relegation is at issue back to 5pm."

A computer games company is to become the official United v Tottenham Hotspur and Leeds v Norwich City being played at different times. The involvement of Norwich, who could conceivably still be involved in the relegation battle, adds to the

One possibility, which East was investigating last night, was of playing the games on Saturday to get round the police requirement, but with tigating every possibility." East said, "and one would be

pany is to become the official sponsor of ITV's coverage of the European championship in Sweden this June. The contract with Sega, worth £2 million, is on a financial par with the most lucrative agreements between sponsors and British television, including the backing by Sony of last year's rugby World Cup and National Power's support of the 1990 football World Cup

in Italy. Executives at ITV believe that, in real terms, the tie-up with Sega is the most financially rewarding con-tract yet because the Europe-an championship involves fewer games than other

tournaments. ITV is also delighted to have reached an agreement whereby it will not need to share any of the profit with

the football authorities. Sega, a market leader in the computer games field, is understood to have outbid rival companies of the stature of Ford, the car mahufactur ers, along with several lead-

DENE O'Kane, New Zea- 16 by potting the green and land's only professional, pro-duced the finest comeback of Defeat cost James his tophis professional snooker career to beat Steve James, the No. 7 seed, 10-9, in the

first round of the Embassy world championship at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, yesterday.

When James raced into a 5-O lead and again pulled away from 6-6 to go three ahead with four to play. O'Kane's mid-match revival appeared to have been in vain. It was then that James, normally unaffected by nerves, began to feel the unique pressures created by appearing at the

Crucible. O'Kane, the world No. 18, committed his share of mistakes, but far fewer than James in winning the next three frames to level the scores at 9-9. James was in first in the deciding frame with 31, but he missed an easy red, O'Kane responded with a 32 break, and eventu-



eight place, and therefore a guaranteed invitation into a number of lucrative invitation events next season. Jimmy White, normally

one of snooker's nocturnal animais, established a commanding 7-2 lead over Tony Drago, of Maita, after being disturbed by a bomb scare at his hotel. Unable to resettle, White began his pre-match practice at 7am, backstage at the Crucible.

The benefit of this was obvious from the outset. A: 75 break from his initial scoring opportunity saw White imm ediately into his stride, al-though it was only a cruel slice of back which prevented Drago from moving 2-1 ahead. At 61-19 in the third frame. Drago potted the pen-ultimate red and, simultaneously, the blue. Left a free ball, White cleared to black with 40.

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Woosnam

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IAN Woosnam will miss the Benson and Hedges Interna-tional Open at St Mellion from May 7 to 10 after a decision by the sponsors to adhere to a new PGA Europe-an Tour directive not to pay appearance money.

Jim Elkins, of Benson and Hedges, said he had been offered a "package of players" by the International Manigement Group (IMG) but he rejected it to support the Tour. "I don't want to rock the boat and I don't want a war," Elkins said. "But I do believe it is the right move to

eliminate appearance money. "I agreed a package deal with IMG for last year's event. which included Nick Faldo, Bernhard Langer, Rodger Davies, Sandy Lyle, Mark McNulty and Ian Woosnam. I was offered something similar this year, but for considerably more money. It has been

rejected.
"I'm pleased to say that most of the players have in the last week entered the tournament. Severiano Ballesteros. who is otherwise committed. Ronan Rafferty, who is playing in Japan, and Woosnam are the only top players

missing.
"After last year's performance I thought lan, who missed the cut but was paid. owed it to the tournament to enter. A fee for his services was put to me for this year and I was unwilling to pay it."
Elkins revealed that Faldo is being paid by Titleist, forwhom he will be "testing equipment". Langer, the defending champion, is not

being paid.

"At the end of the day common sense must prevail."

Elkins said. "We have increased the prize-money from £400.000 to £500,000. The PGA is very keen to demonstrate the success of increased prize funds and I agree it is the performances of players which should be rewarded. We are also spending more money on enhancing facilities for the spectators.

"We are entering a new era. I think the present holders of major championships deserve a bonus of, say. E10,000, and the No. 1 player in the Volvo Order of Merit something similar. If they played 20 events they will have done very nicely."

Willison's progress, page 28

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Nelissen pushes rest aside

The first attack was

Schoten, Belgium: The Belgian rider, Wilfried Nelissen, wriggled out of the pack to sprint to victory in the 208km Grand Prix de l'Escaut cycle race yesterday.

Nelissen, aged 21, was pre-paring his decisive dash to the line at the wheel of another Belgian, Johan Museeuw, when he became trapped behind other riders.

"I was stuck in there for a second. (Etienne) De Wilde was in between so I had to push him aside a bit to get through," Nelissen, who rides for the Dutch Panasonic team, said.

"Those guys weren't going fast enough. It was a danger-ous sprint." Musecuw, who had looked the most likely winner of the race until Nelissen edged past 50 me-tres from the line, finished second and Michel Cornelisse, of The Nether-

imposed on Olivier Roumat,

the French lock, after his dis-

missal in Wellington yester-

day underlines the disparity

which exists in international

rugby in sentencing players

found guilty of foul play. Roumat became the eighth

Frenchman sent off in inter-

nationals after he was seen to

kick Sean Fitzpatrick, the

New Zealand captain, in only

the eighth minute of the

match. The suspension was

given by Eddie Tonks, chair-

man of the New Zealand

Rugby Football Union, who

formed a judicial committee

with two of his countrymen. But Gregoire Lascube and Vincent Moscato, sent off

launched at the 77-km mark, the Dutchman, Adri van der Poel, Andy Bishop, United States, and the Belgian, Marc Sergeant, opening a lead of more than three minutes before being caught 52km fur-

Little-known Belgians, Jan Mattheus and Rik Coppens, pulled clear 60km from the finish but were caught by the Italian, Maurizio Fondriest, Bjarne Riis (Denmark) and the CIS rider. Romes Gainetdinov, 12km from

They were joined by four other riders shortly afterwards but the chasing pack, led by team mates of the fast finishers, Nelissen and Museeuw, hauled them all back with less than a mile to

In Spain, Danny Nelissen,

ing and Philippe Gallart a

19-week suspension for

punching. Lascubé and Moscato

missed 14 weeks of their own

season and the opportunity to

tour Argentina in July. It

remains to be seen whether

Roumat's sentence means he

will miss the tour as well.

Roumat's suspension

highlights disparity

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

of The Netherlands, riding for the Dutch-based PDM team, won the fifth stage of the Tour of Aragon, covering the 163km to Huesca in 4hr 18min 34sec. Luis Alberto Herrera, of Colombia, was seventh in the same time as the winner and maintained his overall lead in the six-day

Herrera, riding for the

Ryalcao Postobon ream. has a five-day time of 19hr 45min 35sec. 11 seconds ahead of Piotre Ugrumov, of Latvia.

The defending Tour of France champion, Miguel Indurain, of Spain, is fourth in the overall standings, 20

seconds behind Herrera. Greg LeMond, a three-time winner of the Tour of France, finished 70th in yesterday's race, more than 13 minutes behind the winner. LeMond is 73rd overall, 24 minutes

Campaign doomed to fail

THE latest controversy to confront the International THE four-week suspension during the France-England Olympic Committee (IOC) in match in February, were givthe ran-up to the Olympic en six-month suspensions. Games is a mounting demand for recognition by Cat-Such sentences have become alonia. The campaign is accepted in the northern being waged by Angel Colom, hemisphere whereas, in 1990 leader of the separatist politwhen France toured Austraical party, Esquerra Republicana (Republican lia, Abdelatif Benazzi was given a nine-day suspension after being sent off for stamp-

Colom is demanding that the Catalan "team", which exists only in theory — those competitors of the Spanish team coming from the Catalan region — should be the final team in the opening ceremony parade, carrying the Catalonia flag, and with the Catalan anthem used for medal ceremonies with local victors.

New Zealand win, page 26 Colom is putting pressure

FROM DAVID MILLER IN BARCETONA on the organising committee.

and on Pasqual Maragal, the mayor of Barcelona. The requests will, however, be totally rejected because they are contrary to the Olympic Keba M'Baye, the Senegal member of the IOC and se-

mor vice-president, has met Catalan representatives, but the IOC executive board has stated categorically that it can only deal with two organisations: the Barcelona organising committee and the Spanish national Olympic committee.

Demonstrations for separation can be expected at the opening ceremony similar to those at the re-opening of the Montjuic Olympic Stadium on the occasion of the IAAF World Cup here in 1989, when King Juan Carlos was publicly heckled. Esquerra Republicana is receiving some media support, but the Colom campaign cannot There is good news for the

40 or more heads of state who will attend the opening ceremony and the tens of thousands who will visit Barcelona. The government, after the arrest of ETA leaders by French police, is be-lieved to be considering negotiations with the ETA for a moratorium during the

This would presumably mean the possibility of release for certain terrorists held in custody. The Spanish government cannot allow the possibility of terrorist activity during the Games

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Peter Weller: mesmeric in The Naked Lunch

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Antonia Fraser on Hugh Trevor-Roper



THURSDAY APRIL 23 1992

Roald and the amazing musical rhymes

Little Red Riding Hood, pistol in knickers, is coming to London in a musical version of Revolting Rhymes to mark the launch of the Roald Dahl foundation: Simon Tait reports

The hut is as he left it dingy, undusted, cher-ished, and with a slightly macabre air. In other words, evocative through and through of the spirit of Roald Dahl.

Bits of his spine — mementoes of a lifelong struggle with being sixfoot-six - are in jars next to a brass model of a Hawker Hurricane. That was the aeroplane in which he first damaged his back, as a fighter pilot 50 years ago. His mother's wing-back armchair has beside it the board on which he wrote, always in pencil. It still has his glasses on it, and his Anglepoise lamp peering over. An ashtray is placed nearby, full of his last dog-ends. On the walls are photographs of the people in his life. Inevitably there are lots of children, mostly his - and especially Olivia, who died from measles complications when she was seven.

Roald Dahl died on Children's Day, November 23, 1990, and left behind a unique legacy for the minds and sensibilities of children. He knew exactly how to gauge the degree of beastliness in story-telling that stops in the realm of delight just before crossing the forbidden frontiers of fear. He breached those frontiers only when he wrote for adults (the genre in which he first made his name) and created the television series Tales of the

Liccy Dahl would not sit in her husband's chair for our photograph. That would be almost like sitting on the throne. She perched on the arm instead.

"He was appalled by the old to say "Hansel and Gretel", do you know what happens in that? The witch tries to put the children in an oven and cook them.' He thought

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that was terrible." He was equally appalled by the soppiness of traditional children's stories. In 1982 he produced his own version. Revolting Rhymes, with the drawings of his friend Quentin Blake (ubiquitous in Dahl texts) adding to the comic spirit. The first begins:

I guess you think you know this

You don't. The real one's much more gory.

The phoney one, the one you know. Was cooked up years and years

And made to sound all soft and

Just to keep the children happy.

The ensuing tale - Dahl's "true" version of "Cinderella" - relates how the foot of one ugly sister does fit. But Prince Charming is so revolted at the idea of meeting his end of the deal that he chops her head off. Cinders lives happily ever after all right, but married to a jam-

Now Revolting Rhymes — com-plete with a Jack who defeats the blood-smelling giant at the end of

the beanstalk by having a bath first. a Snow White who breaks the bookmakers with the help of the prescient looking glass, a Gold-llocks who is a burglar, and a pistoltoning Little Red Riding Hood — is coming to the concert hall. The London Philharmonic Orchestra-has commissioned Paul Patterson to commesse music to go with the rhymes. The piece has its premiere at the Royal Festival Hall on November 17 with the LPO conducted by its musical director, Franz Welser-Möst, and with Bob Hoskins one of the readers.

Roald talked about wanting to do this, but it was something he never got round to," Liccy says. "He was sick and tired of Peter and the



'He always listened to music for an hour before lunch. Outside the greenhouse are the giant onions he loved to grow'

something new. He believed in music; he used to say 'All children have a spark but it needs someone to light it, and he thought music was another flame."

The concert is significant for another reason, however. It will launch the Roald Dahl Foundation, which will help three areas about which Dahl was concerned. Neurology, which will be the first year's cause, was a subject about which Dahl felt particularly strong-ly. His first wife, Patricia Neal, suffered a series of strokes; his son, Theo, sustained severe head injuries in a road accident as a baby; and Liccy's daughter by her previous marriage died of a brain tumour six months before Dahl's own death. In subsequent years,

haematology will be a beneficiary mia. And literacy was a personal crusade; he gave the royalties from The Vicar of Nibbleswicke for the treatment of dyslexia.

Dahl was born in Wales of Norwegian parents. When he was three his father died. He went to school at Repton but eschewed university to go on the Public Schools Exploring Society's expedition to Newfoundland. Then be oined Shell and went to work in Dares Salaam until war broke out

in 1939, when he joined the RAF. He was invalided out of active service and was assistant air attache in Washington in 1942 when C.S. Forrester asked him for some notes about his most thrilling flying experience for a story that Forrester was writing. "Forrester told him a natural writer like Roald shouldn't be doing research for him, and he gave him some Hollywood contacts," his wife says.

Dahl's piece appeared in the Saturday Evening Post untouched. In 1943 he wrote a book for Disney called The Gremlins. It was never filmed (although Dahl's invented word remained in someone's mind), but Dahl's career was set. He won the Edgar Allan Poe prize for mystery writers three times. He began writing for children

when his offspring arrived. There are reminders of Dahl stories all around his rambling home. The Dahl family have spread over the Atlantic now, but always keep in touch with Gipsy House, the home in Great Missenden, Buckinghamthire, which he bought nearly 40 prosperity and the five children.

His enthusiasms are manifest everywhere at Ginsy House. He loved pictures, and the portrait of him by Matthew Smith, who "adopted" him during the war, hangs beside a Snowdon photograph and such treasures as a Francis Bacon and a Gauguin drawing. He always listened to music for an hour before lunch. Outside the greenhouse are the giant onions he loved to grow, successors in his affections to the orchids with which he lost patience.

His cellar has the mark of a serious claret connoisseur, a drinker rather than a taster judging by the quantity of St Emilion Grand Cru. He loved good food and one of his last books was about cookery, co-written with Licey. Part of the proceeds from its sale will go to the foundation. The dining-room has a vast rustic table where Dahl reckoned 100 meals a week were served to friends and family, each meal ending with a box full of Smarties, Mars bars and Maltesers (ostensi-bly for his Jack Russell, Chopper, but passed round the board).

Wally Saunders, one of a series of local craftsmen who became ad hoc members of the family, built extra bits to the house over the years. "Wally was the BFG, the Big Friendly Giant," Liccy says. I



Licy. "It's his personality, you see."
The BFG's litte chum, Sophie, is
Dahl's eldest grandchild, also
Sophie. Danny Champion of the World was Theo, his son, and the gipsy caravan which features in the story stands in front of the house. The children still play on it.

Paul Patterson, who never met Dahl, has started work on the piece, and he takes his two children to play at Gipsy House while he seeks inspiration. He hopes this inspiration will produce a score that has elements of Britten's Young Per-son's Guide to the Orchestra, Haydn's Toy Symphony, even Pro-kofiev's Peter and the Wolf, but is also new and unmistakably Dahl.

"Every time I go, I get something more about the man," he says. "The problem is going to be that the strong rhythms of the verse are so powerful. The music will have to be integrated with them. I can't let the music interfere with the words, and that seems to be exactly in Dahl's character."

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TOMORROW The Valerie Grove Interview: Ken Livingstone

Famous for 15 minutes in Walthamstow

ook, you reckon you know all about women," said an ac-quaintance who has obviously never read past the first paragraph of this column. "Give me a good chat-up line."

I was, for the briefest moment. flattered. More: I found it almost touching that this rather tonguetied and fey man believed that there was a single combination of words which, scattered like some fairy dust over any given woman, would blind her to his haze of post-hippy white cheesecloth, his five-day stubble, the clumsiness of his conversation, the 40-a-day reek of tobacco, and allow him to strike up the sort of conversation with her that would finish up with them sharing a cab home. In fact, I found it rather touching that anybody still believed in the concept of the char-up line at

It wasn't always thus. There was a time, if you can believe it, when I was famous for my chat-up line. Or, at least, a chat-up line.

And famous only if you allow notoriety within the confines of a particular pub in Walthamstow to count as fame. I had been talking to a girl (which is what we called women in 1971) at one of those crowded student parties where instead of giving out invitations. you sent a sort of verbal chain letter

around which results in everyone under the age of 30 from within a four-mile radius standing in a rented sitting room, each with a Party Seven under their arm, waiting for the single, bent can opener to be passed around.

The two of us were getting on as well as two people can get on in the static equivalent of a Tokyo rushhour tube train with Hi-Ho Silver Lining playing at concert hall pitch in the background, and so I could plight my transient troth only by leaning over and screaming in her

Except that as I started to scream the clincher, Hi-Ho Silver Lining came to an end and, simultaneously the rest of the room stopped screaming at each other too. In the silence my scream ricocheted around the peeling walls: "It's Like Waterloo Station Down Here. How About We Go Back To My

My brief subsequent fame didn't rest so much on the intrinsic Wildean wit of the line but on the fact that, to my amazement as much as anyone else's, it worked. You couldn't do it now, of course. (Or I couldn't anyway, although for

all I know there are 18-year-olds

still in Walthamstow using the

crass gambit and getting away with

it.) The concept of a single, perfect

that a man should be able to convey, within the time it takes for a woman to decide whether to pour her wine over his head, that despitethe evidence of her ears and eyes, the chatter up is witty, attractive. intelligent, can stand his round, has immense stamina, hangs out with the right set and has no embarrassing personal habits.

On this basis "how about you

PRIVATE LIFE John Diamond

amazes his friends with a fine line or two



chat-up line is based on the fallacy

and I jump in the Bentley, pep round to Kenneth and Emma's place to pick up Hugh and Stephen and then chez moi where, once I've got my man to clear the Nautilus beach out of the library, we can all spend the evening making clever anagrams out of the titles of Toun Lehrer songs — and I promise not to floss my teeth in front of you once" would be a good, if slightly long-winded, chat up line. And it would, of course, produce nothing more erotic than a head dripping

As I tried to explain to the fey man. if there is such a thing as a chat-up line (and the more I use the term here the worse it sounds) then it can only ever be used to cement an imspoken relationship.

"No, no," said the fey man. "You've got it wrong. You see ..." he looked around the bar and his eyes settled on a caricature blonde primly adjusting her skirt so that it reached a more decorous midthigh and deciding which of three muscle-bound legrers she was going to allow to buy her a drink. ... that girl over there? I want to

have sex with her. I don't want a conversation, or a relationship or to know what books she's read. I want to go to hed with her. But guys like me don't get to sleep with girls like her — girls like her go for blokes

like those three over there. But I reckon there must be something I can say which'll convince her that once the lights are out I've got everything they've got. All we've got to do is work out what it is."

I wasn't sure where the "we" had suddenly come from or even why I was still listening to a man who believed that if he searched hard enough he would be able to find the verbal cosh which would let him drag any woman he fancied back to his cave by her blonde hair exten-

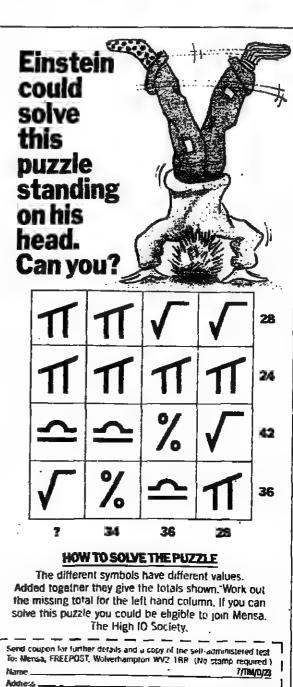
"Well, I don't know," I said, "but there was a line that once worked for me. Of course it was 20-odd years ago, and things have changed ..."

"What was it? Please! Tell me what it was!"

So I told him about Waterloo station. And he tried it. And stap me if it didn't work. The blonde stood up, pulled her skirt down again, thanked the three men for their kind offer, and walked out of the bar with the ley cheesecloth

WESTEL. Which proves that when it comes to sexual relationships there is no such thing as an eternal verity.

Either that or the fact that there are no lengths to which some people will not go to put together a



SURAYA HILAL: An evening of Egyptian dance and live music,

presented by this fine artist who has almost single-handedly resurrected the ancient art of Rags Sharp, the solo female dance of Egypt. With her

company, she presents a new programme which includes the lyrical dassical form, Sharol, and Baladi, the

inely urban form derived from folk

Thurs-Sat 7.30pm.

Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916),

BETWEEN THE LINES: Alan Ayckbourn Oynes) and Paul Todd (music) link 19 of their songs from previous productions in a backstage play about putting on a show. Opening right. Econters Theatre, Oxford Arms, 265 Camden High Street, London NW1 (071-482 4857), 7pm

CONFUSIONS: The Mermaid's studio theatre reopens with a rewal of Ayokbourn's five linked playlets, not

Mermaid Studio, Puddle Dock, Blackfriars, London EC4 (071-410 0000), opens tonight, 7.30pm.

white WORAM STREET: Five outlaws, loaded with memories, drift into an Ohio town 80 years ago. London premiere for Sebastian Barry's play which then transfers to the Peacock Theatre, Dublin Bush Theatre, Shepherds Bush Green, London W12 (081-743 3388), opens toroight. 7mm.

LOVE FROM SHAKESPEARE TO COWARD: On the day of Shakesp

performance of verse, prose and averables about the theutre and

WC2 (071-836 2330), 7.30pm.

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☐ THE ALCHEMIST: David Bradley and Jonathan Hyde nimbly corning the town in Sam Mendes's very furny production of Jonson's satire. Barbican, SIR Street, EC2 (071-698 8891). Totday, Zpm and 7.30pm. 135mins.

■ ANGELS IN AMERICA: Thriting performances in Tony kushner's lascurating state-of-the-Union drame on Axis, religion, politics, everything, Mattional (Cottesloe), South Bank, SEI (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mrt Sat, 2.30pm, 210mins.

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THE COTTON CLUB: An impres

of the Harlem nightspace high on anergy, low on story freshness. Aldwysch, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fn, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mars Wied, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mbrs.

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named to a socie nut.
Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (071-494 5073). Mon-Thurs, Spm, Fri, Sat, Spm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

FROM A JACK TO A KING: Witty

and stylish version of Macbeth's climb to the top, set in the world of rook bands and packed with Sodies songs. Boulevard, Walker's Court, off Peter Street, W1 (071-437 2661 after 2pm). Mon-Sat, 8.15pm, mats Frt, Sat, Spm. 90m/sr.

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◆ BUGSY (18): Warren Beatty as Bugsy

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RADIO PREVIEW

Mrs Dale and the Prince of Denmark

Radio 3's new *Hamlet* benefits from an

extraordinary cast of stars and a

co-production deal pointing the way forward for broadcasting. John Whitley reports

irecting the first radio broadcast of Hamlet for 20 years is a challenge for the most experienced producer, to have to do it with the Prince of Denmark sitting beside you in the control booth and quibbling about sound levels could make it something of a nightmare.

But Glyn Dearman claims he was actually inspired by having Kenneth Branagh playing the double roles of Prince Hamlet and his co-director in the BBC/Renaissance Theatre production."The collaboration sparked something off in both of us. There is a sharpness and excitement on the tape which wouldn't have been there

"Before I agreed to the project I got a video of Ken's Henry V and I learnt later that Ken got tapes of my radio production of Gormenghast; and then we talked on the telephone. We discovered we were completely on the same wavelength — not just about Hamlet but that we shared the same sort of metabolism; we both go at the same hectic pace in bursts and then have to relax completely.

it was undoubtedly a help that Dearman is a radio veteran. "I began 25 years ago on Mrs Dale's Diary — I'm rather proud of having written its final lines. Then I started its successor, Waggoners' Walk, but most of the time I do plays." He is in charge of the resident Radio Drama Company — the pool from which all the drama output is cast — and is a determined experimenter, who once devised a radio play entirely without words.

"But working in partnership with the Renaissance Theatre Company was something quite new — it was enormously refreshing. They brought an enthusiasm which you don't always

have in the BBC, because working on so many plays, week after week, inevitably becomes a bit of a routine." Branagh's Renaissance company originally had the idea of putting the full-length version of Hamlet on tape for sale through the publishers Ran-dom Century. "The idea at that stage was for me to direct," says Branagh. "But then we thought the scale of the project might interest the BBC, so we

approached Glyn." The final agreement sets a pattern for much radio output in future. The BBC pays the cost of the production approximately £15,000 — in return for two transmissions and worldwide broadcasting rights. Then Renaissance license Random Century to produce and sell the play on cassette and compact disc. It is the only un-cut Hamlet on tape and the first on CD: and a percentage of all sales will go to Renaissance and the BBC.

The joint pulling-power of Renais-sance and the BBC provided the star quality which makes the recording bankable all round the world. It has an amazing cast: Sir John Gielgud plays the Ghost; Sir Michael Hordern the Player King; Emma Thompson his Queen; Richard Briers is Polonius; Dame Judi Dench is Gentrude; and Derek Jacobi Claudius.

But even working with such old hands can bring problems: "Everyone is petrified at the start of a recording. even if they are big stars," explains Dearman. "You have to do something to break the ice. So I got them to begin by doing the carousing that you hear in the background during the opening scene on the battlements - lots of noise and jollity. After that, everyone joined in without any nerves and they were truly wonderful. Yet even the bouncy Branagh found



Branagh, Prince, co-director and co-producer: "Radio is pretty scary"

the sessions more of a challenge than mouthing the words and thinking they he expected. "It's so different from the theatre-just you and the microphone. It's pretty scary. I found it very hard to know how much acting to do, especially in the soliloquies, and there's the oddness of hearing your voice on its own — quite different from when it has a body attached to it.

"In the end, though, it became one of the most enjoyable things I've ever done. Because you can concentrate on the text instead of worrying about whether you've got a wrinkle in your tights, you become much more aware of the intellectual side - lines come out that often get covered up in stage

"The To be or not to be . . . ' soliloquy was a particular joy to do, whereas in the theatre it's terrifying - you see 1,500 people in front of you all can do it better than you." Dearman admits to tricking his co-

director over this intimidatingly famous passage: "I recorded Ken without him knowing when he was just shuffling through that speech, trying it out, and it gave it that sense of newness, of discovery. That's the recording we've used for the first half of the speech. "I told him to use radio to get inside

Hamlet's head, so that you feel you are hearing his thoughts without them being spoken - he had to bring his projection right down. It's a very hard thing to do. Eventually he asked if we could tape the soliloquies when everyone else had gone home - he felt he needed to be alone to do them."

 Hamlet, Prince of Denmark, is broadcast on Radio 3 on Sunday at 7 pm.

O REPLICYED GLORYN Albert Firmey very funny as the victim of a play by his brother, Stephen Moore; after this El GOOD ROCKER' TONITE Satisfying musical celebrating Fifties and Sixtles

mat Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

RUROPA (15): Intrigue and Kafkinisque comedy on Germany's train network in 1945, Empty-headed fantasy from Danish wonderboy Lass von Trier. With Jeen-Marc Barr, Barbara Sukowa. Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) Everyman (071-435 1525). final! Brown's accomment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country STOPI OR MY MOM WILL SHOOT

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THE DOUBLE LIFE OF VERSORIQUE (15): Knzysztof Kleslowski's brilliantly filmed conundrum about two girls (one Prench) who seem to share a life. With Irene Jacob, Philippe Volter, Curzon Mayfair (071–465 8865).

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from the fusion jazzer and her accomplished band including husband fon Hiseman on drums. Band on the Wall, Manchester (061-

THE CURE: The pioneers of new wave

THE CURE: The pioneers or new wave, Robert Smith and his band have been purveying their distinctive, melancholy sound since 1978. Riding high at the moment with a Top Ten his single and a new album, Wish, out this week, they

smaller venues prior to a world tour. Caind Hail, City Square, Dunder (0382 23141), 7.15pm.

HALLE: Pranist Cecile Ousset joins the HALLE Plants Course and Concerto No.3, under the baton of Concerto No.3, under the baton of Marthias Bame

overture, Semiramide and ends with Hubert Parry's lesser-known Symphony

Manchester (061-834 1712), 7.30pm.

WIND SOLOISTS OF THE CHAMBER

Effat, K375, Divertimento in B flat, K186 and Harmoniemusik from Die Entithrung aus dem Serait, Queen Elizabeth Half, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7 45pm.

MUSIC OF THE GODS: Opera North

opens its spring season with a performance of highlights from Wagner's operas Tannhäuser and The Vallyrie. Anne Evans is Brünnhäde and

Vallyrie, Anne Event is Brünnhäde and John Tominson sings Wotan in the closing scene of Act 3 from The Vallyrie, roles they are currently singing in the Bayreuth Festhall production which will be filmed in the summer. With the English Northern Philinamonia under conductor David Lloyd-Jones. Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate, Leeds (0532 459351/440971), 7.15pm,

good start Ronald Harwood's new comedy peters out. Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8-30pm, mats Wed, 2-30pm, Sat, Spin.

get is lukewarm. Torriny Steels in poor musical version of the film. Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, WI (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat. 7.45pm, mais Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

STRANSIT AND NAMBONE Micholas Lyndhurst, Nei Daglish and Carmel McSharry in likeable comedy

about a doting mother's worries. Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 8pm

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OF EUROPE: The players perform an all-

zart programme comprising the reniments in D flat, K166; Separade in

Pree Trade Hall, Peter Stre

are embarking on a short tour of

832 6625), 8.30pm.

TODAY'S EVENTS

A dally guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

BULGARIAN ART: Britain's explora

BULGARIAN ART: Britain's exploration of art from the newly democratised East continues agace. This extraordinary show of more than 200 works by 60 artists dazzles and confuses, since the pieces it contains, some brilliarity original, some repelient krisch, firmly refuse categorisation. There is a general feeling of time-slip, but the strongly Expressionist paintings of Peter Dimov, the disturbing totems of Krassimir Arsov and the glowing semi-abstracted farm subjects of han Obretenov would look good in any context.

took good in any context. Gagliandi, 509 King's Road, London SW10 (071-352 3663). Mon-Sat, 10am-

Eggleston (born 1939) took up shotography in the early

Seventies he was pioneering something, and that he was the first colour

and that he was the first colour, photographer to be taken senously, seem wildly exaggerated. The real point is the quality of his astonishing real/sureal images, which take on halluchatory intensity from his principle "that one could man the Unicoh memorial and an agrownous street

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Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (071638 4141). Mon-Sat, 10am-6.45pm
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THEATRE GUIDE

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pop classics. Great stuff. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue (071-839 4401). Mon-Thurs, Spm, Fn, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm, 150mins.

Scofield and Vanesa Redgrave head Trevor Nunn's splendid cast in Shaw's timeless, state-of-England drama, Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm, 225mins.

☐ MORY DICK: A girls' school puts on a fund-reising show. Tany Monopoly plays a headmistress playing Captain Ahab. Beached musical.

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Divisions of A Midware Night's Drawn, with Mile NicShane and Sandi Toksnip, Dedicated fans only. Alberry, S. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-807 1115), Tues-Sirl, 7.45pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3pm, 135mins.

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5.30pm, Until May 23.

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KOKUCHI: Days in the barren life of a laundry attendant. Quietly hilarlous minimalist exercise from Japanese comic-strip illustrator Kenji Iwai ICA (071-930 3647). HY OWN PREVATE DAHO (18)

Gus Van Sart's quirty porrait of two dritters searching for a home, striking and aggraating by thams. With River Phoenix, Keanu Reeves. Camden Places (071 -485 2442) MGM Fullium Rised (071 -370 2636) MGM Flourathy (071 -437 3551) MGM Shaffouthary Avenues (071 -836 5279/379 7025) MGM Trocadino (071-226 3520).

SALMONBERRIES (12): Half-Eskimo founding and an East Berlin escapee are thrust together in an Archic community. Arch Percy Adlon drama with a few finge benefits. Stars k.d. lang Metro (071-437 0757).

ALLARDYCE NICOLL, doyen of theatre historians, summed up Richard Brome with "not a great talent" and who could quarrel with that snooty verdict, when his plays were sighted onstage about as often as Yeti in the Chilterns?

The Royal Shakespeare Company's anappily acted revival of what is should go far towards restoring a reputation all but extinguished by the closure of the theatres in 1642. Indeed, it might go still further were not the adaptor. Stephen Jeffreys, so evidently responsible for several of the livelier lines, as well as some of the intimations of social upheaval to come.

Still, Brome's subject must have had a frisson in 1641, when the play first appeared. Children have often enough run away from their parents in literature. In both The Merchant of Venice and Cymbeline plucky daughters actually went Awol from their fathers. But they did not leave the comforts of a perfectly happy home in order to join a roving band of vagrants, as squire Oldrents's daughters do in Brome's Jovial Crew. When even the heroine of the subplot deserts the for she is about to marry, and ends up with the king of the beggars, it is clear that something oddly egalitarian is in the English air.

Vagrants and beggars, rogues and vagabonds, wandered the England of the early 17th century in great numbers. For the authorities, they were a serious social problem, to be whipped out of existence. But Brome saw his

THEATRE

Whiff of wildness



Family: Rebecca Saire (left), Paul Jesson and Emily Raymond

"iovial crew" rather as Shakespeare saw the low life of

beggars and vagrants.

capacity for fun among the tattered nomads who spill onstage. At one climactic point in Max Stafford-Clark's

Eastcheap. Indeed, he must have identified with them, since the Puritans regarded theatre people as rogues and vagabonds and were about to turn many of them into

A Jovial Crew Swan, Stratford

Hence the energy, camaraderie and

production they datter about in a weird ritual dance that ends with a

bare-breasted glrl doused with drink and spattered with well-aimed sputum. That wildness attracts Oldrents's steward, Ron Cook's intensely restless Springlove. Every April he is hit by the "capering spirit" his name suggests, and ditches his livery for rags, freedom and adventure. That is also what appeals to Rebecca Saire's Rachel and

Emily Raymond's Meriel, weary as they are of country entertainments that consist of "standing in the drizzle to watch 12 shepherds jumping a five-bar

But rural slumming isn't just a matter of hedge-hopping and bouncing about in barns, as it would be for many comic dramatists. To be a beatings both formal and informal, even the odd casual rape. All that is evident in Stafford-Clark's

production: but so is the good humour. There are some hilarious scenes in which the nob-class waifs and apprentice strays ineptly practice their craft on passers-by.

"Crouch not so low or the gentleman will not observe the light of piety in your eye," hisses their instructor. "Our virgin prayers to you will be as propitious as you wish." flutes a rustic Sloane, leaving her benefactors bewildered by what they take to be the rhyming hexameters of her speech.

The play ends less conventionally than it clearly should, with Leveller beggars entertaining Paul Jesson's genially hedonistic Oldrents with a piece of pro-Commonwealth agitprop. But Jeffreys and Stafford-Clark do not altogether err when they talk in the programme of the play as "a coded message from a society on the brink of civil war". Something strange, unsettling and even ominous mixes with the laughter, and both play and production catch it.

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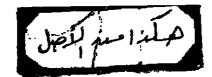
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Taking a trip around an author's head

CINEMA: NEW RELEASES

Geoff Brown reviews Naked Lunch, Until The End Of The World, The Hand That Rocks The Cradle, Rebecca's

Daughters, Broadway Bound and Ricochet

apartment door, Peter Weller an-nounces flatly, "Exterminator!" Naked Lunch (18. MGM Shaftesbury Avenue) has just begun. How is David Cronenberg going to wrest a manageable film from William Burroughs's frenzied nightmare of a novel, which 30 years ago made censors seethe and the Establishment blanch? Forget the words that need asterisks in family newspapers; consider phrases such as "a languid grey area of hiatus miasmic with yawns and gaping goof holes". How

can images cope? Cronenberg, the Canadian-born master of biological horror, is better placed than most for the challenge. Like Burroughs he is fascinated by disease, mutation and the irra-tional. When Burroughs writes about the Mugwump, a reptilian creature six-foot tall, Cronenberg's special effects crew are happy to oblige. They also invent creatures: a type-writer-cum-insect with a talking anus, and a slithering torso, known to the production cast - Weller, Judy Davis, Ian Holm and Julian Sands. Naked Lunch treads where no film has ventured before.

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Cronenberg's best and boldest stroke was to blend the novel with details from Burroughs's own life. The film becomes an imaginative account of Burroughs in 1953, inhabiting a drug-induced Tangier of the mind called Interzone, struggling to write

Weller gives a mesmerising. buttoned-down performance as the Burroughs surrogate, allduplicity and a flendish drug

extracted from a "giant aquatic Brazilian centipede". Tangier was simulated in a Toronto warehouse. The film's artificial look, far from being a drawback, only increases the sense of hallucination.

Even those sympathetic may feel the insect-tyepwriter, sex blob and friends eventually get out of hand. But a Naked Lunch adaptation that did not disturb would be a travesty. So, welcome to Interzone. Meet the Mugwump; see the unfilmable filmed with insight, courage and terrific

'Cronenberg's best and boldest stroke was to blend the novel with details from Burroughs's own life'

The discipline of working with others' material has obviously kept Cronenberg fighting fit. Not so Wim Wenders in Until The End Of The World (15, Lumiere), a project nursed since 1977, the director's artistic personality seems

in danger of going to seed.

Wenders first planned this exasperating odyssey, set in 1999, as a wide-screen epic, for shooting in 17 countries. Budget restrictions curtailed his globe-trotting and shrank considerations then shrank

the running time to two-and-ahalf hours, though Wenders has a five-hour version.

in the present print, you certainly feel the scissors. Wenders's cast of mysterious strangers, detectives, bountyhunters and ex-lovers chase each other in abrupt snatches either characters or locations. From Wenders, who has made his mark catching life on the wing, this is a sad

Around the half-way point, a bewildered William Hurt and Wenders's current muse Solveig Dommartin reach Australia, and this hurtling film grinds into bottom gear. in a cave laboratory, Hurr's father (Max von Sydow) is experimenting with transmit-ting pictures to his blind wife (Jeanne Moreau). Hurt, it appears, has been travelling the globe gathering images with a special camera.

None of the actors mesh; while the transmitted pictures, conveyed through the High that gave Prospero's Books its fabulous texture, seem left over from a Sixties' acid trip. For a film that struggles to say something meaningful about the nourishment of family and art in a world spinning out of control, the art on display is not strong enough for the job. The Hand That Rocks The

Cradle (15, Odeon West End) prompts more exasperation. Seventy-five minutes into this tale of a psychotic namy, a light finally shines in the deluded mother's brain. "So many things have gone wrong since she's been bere" she bleats. We are ahead of her. might almost have been copied from a beginner's manual.



Judy Davis and Peter Weller, for once not jostled by the creatures infesting their world in David Cronenberg's film of Naked Lunch

No quirks or humour disturb inituder Rebecca De Mornay) craftily sabotaging a squeaky-clean family.

Strong acting makes the time pass. De Mornay, experienced at playing smiling mice, enjoys the chance to show her fangs; while Annabells Sciorra, as the victim mother, never goes out of her way to grab sympathy. Director Curtis Hanson never cheapens the

Rebecca's Daughters (12, Odeon Haymarket), where Peter O Toole opens proceedings, nicely stewed, with a judge's wig, a cat curled round his neck and a wineglass turching in his hand. Towards the end. he dresses up as Good Queen Bess in a ginger wig, hoop skirt and gilded costume.

For this bouquet of mad-ness, we must blame Dylan Thomas, who penned the script for Gainsborough Pictures in 1948. Period tosh was of a 19th-century soldier join-

soliloguy is delivered to cam-

era, it is only with rare skill

that the actor can avoid sound-

ing artificial. Paul Hines's

adaptation of Bernice Ru-

bens's macabre piece of whim-

sy. Mr Wakefield's Crusade

(BBC2, last night), leans heavily on the soliloquy. The

producer, Ruth Caleb, and the

director, Angela Pope, deserve

credit for taking risks with this

device, but this series is highly

mannered: perhaps too much

so for three 50-minute

Wakefield speaks his improba-

bly theatrical lines with

aplomb, and conveys the character's manic zaniness. The nearest thing Luke has to a

friend is an enemy: the nosey

porter of his smart service flat

Peter Capaldi as Luke

exisodes.

ing forces with Weish peasants to counteract the gentry's

greed is lost in time. Paul Rhys and Joely Richardson put in good work; Peter O'Toole remains, of course, sai generis. Welsh director Karl Francis struggles hard. Yet no amount of misplaced energy can make this strange venture come to heel. For aurio lovers.

Onstage, Broadway Bound (PG, Screen on the Hill) earned Neil Simon more critical respect than either of its autobiographical predecessors, Brighton Beach Memoirs and Biloxi Blues. Yet Paul Bogart's film version was only a television movie. Its British big-screen exposure seems unwarranted: we never advance visually beyond faces in rooms. delivering Simon's patented medicine of laughter and tears. The old-timers -- Anne

mother and grandfather. Finally, Ricochet (18, MGM Haymarket): the kind of movie that leaves a hole in your head where your brain

Bancroft, Hume Cronyn -

have the best of things as the

cells used to be. Denzel Washington flashes his teeth as an upwardly thrusting assistant of a crazed escaped prisoner John Lithgow, cast against

type) whom he got jailed. The plot has done yeoman service, but this new edition fritters away any potential through absurd excess, unnecessary cruelty and a fatal lack of momentum. Just Silver, of the Die Hard maestro, coproduced; Russell Mulcahv. specialist in films that make no

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The cartoon canary Tweety Pie is 50

years old. David Robinson traces the

story of the little bird and his always

frustrated co-star,

Sylvester the cat

√ilm industry pundits spent all last year trying to figure out how Home Alone — a modestly-budgeted film with no stars and an infant protagonist — soared to become the fourth-biggest earning film in history.

of revelation while watching old Warner Looney Tunes cartoons - an occasional intellectual therapy that cannot be too highly recommended. Home Alone, I realised, is an unacknowledged, uncredited reworking of one of the universal David-and-Goliath myths of the 20th century, the warring of Tweety (sometimes Tweerie) Pie and

Home Alone is the story of a small boy, alone in the house and menaced by a ramshackle pair of burglars. Tweety, it will be recalled, is an innocent baby canary, alone and apparently defenceless in his cage. who lisps out "I taut I taw a puddy tat" on sighting the prowling Sylvester.

Sylvester is a conniving alley-cat, whose schemes to get Tweety always go awry, as the little bird ingeniously lands him in booby traps that leave him crushed, concertinaed, stretched or flattened in prop-



Puddy-tat on watch: Sylvester and Tweety Pie were featured in more than 40 films

gards the wrecked Sylvester with wide blue eyes and a sympathetic cry of "Dat pore puddy tat".

In Home Alone, little Kevin (Macaulay Culkin) exulted with a triumphant "Yeees!" at the awful catastrophes he wrought upon his would-be persecutors. Reviewers all pointed out the cartoon nature of the comic violence.

This year is Tweety's golden jubilee. His first appearance was in 1942, in A Tale of Two Kitties. In this first outing, the likeness to Home Alone is even Kevin, Tweety is menaced by not one but a pair of marauders. As further curious illustration of the artistic continuities of the movies, these bad cats were based on the comedy team of Abbott and Costello and called Babbitt and

Tweety was the invention of a genius of the Looney Tunes team, Bob Clampett (1913-1984). The character was based on Clampett's observations of baby birds in the nest and on a mide baby picture of himself which he particularly On his first appearance.

Tweety, though his eyes were already their definitive barry blue, was flesh pink. The censors objected to his apparent nakedness however, and in Tweety's third film, A Gruesome Twosome, Clampett resisting the suggestion of putting the bird in short pants dressed him in yellow

Sylvester, created by Friz Freleng, first appeared in 1945, though he did not acquire a name until 1948. "Sylvester" seemed particularly appropriate to an animal with such splashy

Tweety and Sylvester were finally teamed in 1947, when their first picture together. Tweetie Pie, won Warners' first "Oscar" for an animated cartoon. The team became a popular cult, and their song "I Taut I Taw a Puddy-Tar" earned a platinum disc in 1950. The voices were provided by Mel Blanc. Tweety and Sylvester ac-

quired a supporting cast, induding a beaming old Granmy who could wield a mean broom if Sylvester got out of hand, and Spike the buildog.

Together they made more than 40 pictures, in which Sylvester suffered endless torture. The titles generally invoked puns and plays on the titles of current films. They indude All A-Bir-r-r-d. Home Tweet Home, Ain't She Tweet, Canary Row, Room and Bird, Sandy Claws, Tweet and Sour Bird In a Guilty Cage, A Streetcat named Sylvester, Muzzle Tough, Trick or Tweet and Rebel Without Claws.

Sylvester frequently costarted in films with other cartoon characters such as Road Runner and Speedy Gonzales: but Tweety never appeared without his partner. Clampett himself pointed out that he was essentially a verbal character: his embryonic wing-arms were so short that he could not even put on a hat.

In 1957 the couple won their second Oscar with Birds Anonymous, in which Sylvester vainly tries to kick the birdeating addiction. At the end of the film Tweety sorrowfully concludes, "Once a bad ol puddy tat, always a bad ol' puddy tat."

work display.

Their last appearance to-gether was in Hawaiian Aye Aye in 1964; but 28 years later, their pictures go on delighting successive generations on Saturday morning television and Bugs Bunny specials. Tweety and Sylvester remain best-sellers in the new chain of Warner merchandising stores. And of course their spirit lives on in Home Alone. Meet a singularly artificial sleuth office, where the man shead of him in the queue drops dead. on the Common, a possible contrived that the point often motive emerges: she was a gets lost in the detail. The

> homicidal obsession.
> On the face of it, the correspondence (more which Luke filches from the dead man's house) suggests that the stiffs wife, Marian Firhank, has been murdered by him and buried on Wim-bledon Common. In response to Luke's advertisement, a woman calling herself Marian

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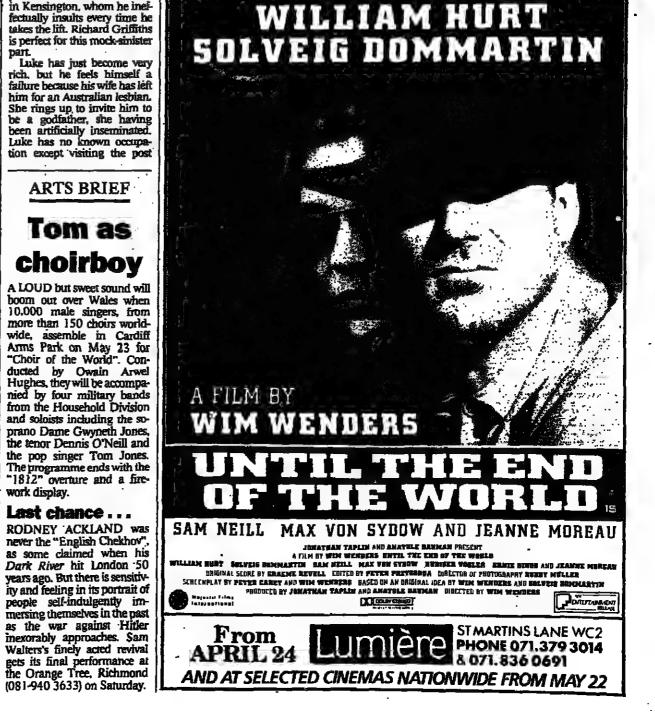
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The plot is as singular as the letter, Luke is drawn into a dialogue: hardly realistic yet not quite magic either, gro-tesque yet not absurd, belonging neither to the crime nor the fantasy genre. Luke's visit to Merthyr Tydfil is an excuse for a sequence of acute embarrassments. Nobody wants to know this importunate stranger with glittering eye, so he invents identities for himself and confides in the anonymous audience.

The new television murder mysteries fall into two main categories: the designer detective drama is so ingenious and murder morality play rams its Mr Wakefield's Crusade is

closest to the first type. It is original and clever. But its intense introspection slows down the action too much Long before the first episode was over, one began to wish for a contrast to Peter Capaldi's shock of hair and his brilliant imitation of a man doing an imitation of a man with a great deal to do. There is something to be said for the old-fashioned, self-effacing

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dents' ability to express themselves in writing. Given as their demanding subject the history of the Chiefs of Staff, Bill Jackson and Dwin Bramall are clear,

comprehensive and readable.

Bill and Dwin show, by signing themselves thus on the jacket of their book, that they have also been influenced by the matey style of the Directorate of Public Relations at the Ministry of Defence. Turn to the title page and they can be seen to be General Sir William Jackson and Field Marshall Lord Bramall, a former Chief of the Defence Staff. They have written an enthralling book, which will not only appeal to the student of

politics and war.

The evolution of the Chiefs of

Staff over the past

became increas-

THE CHIEFS The Story of the United Kingdom Chiefs of Staff

ingly enmeshed with the decisiontakers in the Cabinet, has been complex. Although directly involving only a small group of people at any one time, they moulded the history of their country. While the narrative is sometimes necessarily dry, much of it becomes as compelling as an

elaborate board-game. While preparing to fight foreign enemies, the Chiefs of Staff, the professional heads of the armed forces, also battled with their political masters and each other. In the First World War, it was the frock-coated politicians — the "Frocks", or "Easterners" — who hoped to avoid heavy losses by attacking Germany from the East, arguing with the "Brass Hat" generals, or "Westerners", who saw a war of attrition on the Western Front as

This debate changed to that over whether Britain should exercise her traditional maritime strategy around the world, or become a land and air power committed to Europe. From this emerged the long struggle for primacy between the Royal Air Force and the Royal

Navy. Soon after the RAF was founded as an independent, strategic arm in 1918, it was fighting for its life. The airman and the sailor, Trenchard and Beatty, fought over the control of air power. Then the battle between the bomber and the battleship began: first the latter was

Behind Lord Carver's clear and accurate history of Brit-ish defence policy since the war lies a paradox. Is there such a thing as defence policy at all? Is it not essentially an implement of foreign policy, which provides it with objectives and limits? Britain's defence policy has been made by government (that is, by Parliament and politicians) and strongly constrained by other factors, including the penury imposed by a deteriorating economic position over nearly a

half century.

Penury plays a large role in Carver's story. Cuts succeeded cuts, imposing agonising and often overhasty decisions. Should we drop aircraft carriers or the new tank? Abandon bases in the Gulf or withdraw from Singapore? Defence white papers had all the consistency of a cat on hot bricks.

This was not the soldiers' fault. It was the result of a wavering foreign

The Staff College at recently, the strategic bomber. Camberley can be satisfied with its former staty. Lord Carrington, turned the tables on the airmen by persuading the Government to transfer the nuclear deterrent to the Royal Navy's Polaris submarines.

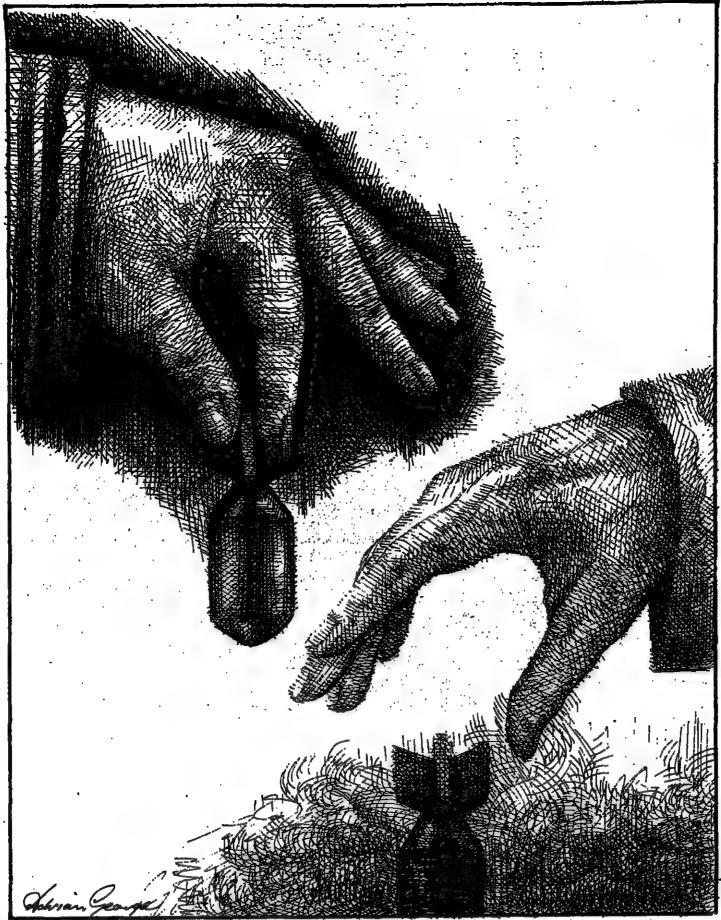
The authors cast sharp eyes at the military and political titans of the past, becoming less astringent as they reach their own times. It was surely Bill who wrote that the Government had "the good sense" to chose Dwin as Chief of the General Staff. And surely it was the latter who prompted the graceful compliment to the much-abused Sir John Nott for the part he played in the prosecution of the Falklands war once it had started.

The giant shadow cast across the century is that of Churchill. As a "Frock", he proposes (disastrous-ly) the forcing of the Dardanelles; he is in the mid-

side, then the other. As Prime Minister, in 1940, he appoints himself Defence Minister as well. What Admiral "Jackie" Fisher described as his "pictorial mind, brimming with ideas" required a tough editor. At the beginning of the first world war, when Churchill was First Lord of the Admiralty, the First Sea Lord, Prince Louis of Battenberg, had been unable to stand up to him and it was this, and not his German name that prompted his resignation (a claim by the authors with which other historians will disagree). In the second world war, a suitably strong counter-balance was finally found in a Chief of the Imperial General Staff, the future Lord Alanbrooke.

The need for a strong link between the nation's brain and its right arm led to the appointment of a Chief of the Defence Staff, a powerful figure above inter-Service rivalries, as exemplified by Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin during the Falklands War.

The authors admit that while the Chiefs" have had to interpret and apply the ideas of the politicians, they themselves have never been particularly innovative. They quote Churchill as saying "you may take the most gallant soldier, the most intrepid airman and the most audacious soldier, put them at a table together — and what do you get? The sum of their fears!"



Dieting after a surfeit of empire

policy and the hangover from imperial responsibilities, whose true worth in terms of power was never properly analysed. Improvi-sation was inevitable, and matters were made worse by technological change which meant that a new weapon was no sooner in produc-tion than it was out of date. Shifting policies, shifting resources, shifting alternatives for new weaponry. In these circumstances it is a marvel that any effective fighting forces were developed at all.

Two permanent features can be discerned in what was otherwise a chaos of commitments. Britain's assignment of forces to Nato was never questioned. The same cannot he said of Britain's nuclear deterrent. Indeed, Carver himself is none too keen on this second element of continuity in British defence policy. In the light of subsequent events, the purchase of Polar-

is and Trident seems an inexpensive way of protecting Britain against a future in which Third World despots seek to possess their own nuclear weapons, and the former Soviet Army's ballistic missiles give a new meaning to the

phrase "loose cannon". Carver's account of events was

Anthony Hartley

TIGHTROPE WALKING British Defence Policy Since 1945 By Michael Carver

The confusion that emerges from

inherent in Britsin's nost-war situation. It was hardly the fault even of the politicians, unless we

expect from them brains whirring like computers in an effort to adapt

to historical change. None the less, it cannot be said that those responsible for administering Britain's armed services made a good job of it up to the mid-1960s.

When Denis Healey became defence secretary in 1964, he found that over the previous 13 years, 26 major aircraft projects costing £300 million had been cancelled. It

should have been possible to improve this dismal record of defence procurement, had a competent minister given his attention to it or had the warring admirals, generals and air marshals been prepared to take a more realistic view of their receivements. Interventions from the back benches by ex-officer MPs. whose enthusiasm was not matched by their knowledge of foreign countries or of modern warfare, were also unhelpful.

Carver does not say so directly, but it is clear that he considers Healey the most effective of postwar defence secretaries — a judgment that seems accurate enough. Yet even Healey's reforms did not produce a permanent check on the

surging costs of defence. None the less, the efficiency of the MoD during the Falldands operation and the Gulf war astonished observers. Success owed much to Healey's emphasis on cost effectiveness and inter-Service cooperation. It all worked well on the day. Indeed, the reader can only

wonder that, out of a policy which never rested on a settled allocation of resources or definite commitments, should spring armed forces able to undertake at short notice campaigns of great difficulty in the Falklands and the Gulf, fought at the end of long lines of communications. Some of those millions must have been well spent. Carver makes a case for his subject, if not for modern ways of government.

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Where there's a will

Simon Tait

BERNARD SHAW Volume IV 1950-1991 The Last Laugh By Michael Holroyd Chatto & Windus, £10.99

ohn Mortimer, of whose socialist credentials Shaw would have approved, might have let Rumpole loose on the case. A. P. Herbert, the comic master of the legal excursion, could have used it for his Misleading Cases, though the invention of the invention of such bizarre developments from such a well-meaning series of bequests would have been beyond him. Even Shaw himself could hardly have imagined the debade caused by his last will and

Shaw left an estate worth more than E5 million today; more than his rivals Hardy, Chesterton, Wells and Barrie put together. The future copyright value was and is incaku-lable. Shaw wanted some of this dream of alphabet reform.

He invented a new "alfabet" and made provision for the setting up of one trust for research into its implementation and another for the transliteration of his Androcles and the Lion as an example. He prudently put a time limit on the trusts of 21 years after his death.

When these steps had been achieved, said the will, there should be residuary trust funds to benefit the British Museum in acknowledgement of the incalculable value to me of my daily resort to the Reading Room", the National Gallery of Ireland and the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art.
When the will was published in

1951, Lady Astor, a trustee of the abortive Shaw memorial appeal, called on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to "break that ridiculous will". The residuary legatees challenged the alfabet trusts in the High Court. Sir Charles Russell, on behalf of the British Museum and RADA, ended the hearing with a line from Androcles — "Did um get an awful thorn in to um's tootsum wootsum?" — querying whether, in Holroyd's words, "a phonetic trans-literation of this speech would really

The judge found for the residuary legatees who came into their inheritance straight away and have been squabbling over it ever since.
This book is likely to ensure that the squabbling continues until at least 2000 when Shaw's copyright runs

I doubt that, at 89 pages of bulked-out copy, the Shaw will was worth tacking onto the end of what we thought was a complete and masterly three-volume recounting of the life and work of GBS. Fascinating and farcical as it is, the will is still at best an appendix of a great literary and public life.



Shaw: one of the last pictures

Middle-class blues in Camden

Rebecca Fraser

PILLARS OF GOLD By Alice Thomas Ellis Viking, £14.99

lice Thomas Ellis's wild cri de coeur at the unwholesomeness of 1990s Britain must send up an echo in every sensitive breast: "The food's all poisoned, and the newspapers are poisoned, and the television's poisoned, and Brian makes money telling people everything isn't poisoned

Scarlet is at the mercy of every new danger, real and imagined, that dogs the routine of the impotent city dweller. Now that even potatoes have been discovered to be carcinogenic. Scarlet's conviction that she inhabits a blighted universe, with a crooked justice system, non-existent social services and bankrupt schools, is immoveable. When her American neighbour goes missing, it seems that the swirling anarchy of the streets recorded by the local paper where they had once only described weddings and flower shows - has

taken over her life. In the face of this landscape of urban anonymity Scarlet becomes obsessed with the virtues of an oldfashioned community which her middle-class friends have abandoned. They only seem to flourish in the boisterous close family of her neighbour Constance, daughter

and sister of East End villains. In Constance, a lovable (if you like that sort of thing) female Alf Garnett, Scarlet finds all the



Alice Thomas Ellis, Colin Haycraft and family in 1987

warmth and reassurance she hungers for. It is certainly not obtainable at home, historically a cheerful concept but in her case a permanent battleground for her second husband Brian, an advertising man, and her adolescent daughter Camille. Both of them are at pains to display the very worst characteristics of their species, making Scarlet feel more ground down

As usual Alice Thomas Ellis is prodigal with her wit, of which there are so many felicities that one longs to quote them all. Perhaps her most brilliant moment is Brian's peroration on the moral purposes of advertising, which provides an ironical climax to Scarlet's search for lost values: "For the vast majority of people ... the images and logos of advertising are

all they'll ever know of art. You could say, all they'll ever know of beauty. The familiar brand names with their images have taken the place of - statues and icons and the things people used to look at. Corporate design and familiarity are having an unprecedented, cohesive effect on society as well as bringing prosperity to the

With notions like these darkening an already dire world picture, it is unsurprising that Scarlet has taken to visiting a therapist in order to cure herself of holding reality at arm's length. But not only can she anticipate her therapist's reactions, it further adds to her depression that she must go to one at all. It only confirms her view of the isolation of modern life when advice and support are not the prerogative of

friendship, but were "commodities for which you paid professionals, rather as you paid prostitutes for love and bought your vegetables instead of growing them yourself... However, as the reference to

vegetables betrays, and shrewd Constance points out, Scarlet is a deluded romantic convinced that life was less brutal and frightening in the unspecified past, a Jerusalem which never in fact existed. It is Constance — pessimistic and para-noid, but clear-sighted — who shows Scarlet how to be less easily bruised by the 20th century. Those seeking a carefully worked

out plot or memorable resolutions will not find them here. On the other hand, the novel is a joy to read, each page sparkling with droll and profound apercus. Scarlet herself is a sympathetic creation, with her consumt lears that Camille is dead, and her collection of sentimental objects which "had lost significance for her yet still had the power to bring her to the verge of tears, reminding her of what they had once meant". She frequently wishes a burglar would remove

Constance in the book: her épatant views lose their charm after two or three bouts, but they are hard to avoid, since much of the novel consists of the two friends comparing their versions of the meaning of life. Nevertheless, the cast of characters - ghastly adolescents, upper middle-class Camden Town dwellers and a Thatcherite Turkish restaurant owner - are all enjoyably recognisable types rounded out with memorable acuteness.

There is rather too much of

These books are so different in subject, size and style that to read them one after the other is like turning from an over-rich banquet with full-bodied wines to a tin of bully beef and Naafi tea. They share, however, a backcloth of love and war, overshadowing the lives of their main players.

Mark Helprin's novel opens in Rome, 1964. Alessandro Giuliani, a retired professor in his mid-70s. leaves home for a holiday at his granddaughter's, only to start an altercation with the bus driver. The latter refuses to brake for a young man who, having just missed the bus at the last stop, is desperately sprinting behind it to catch up. All right, says the frail old man, if the teenager cannot get on, then he. Alessandro Giuliani, will get off. He thus finds himself dumped

on the roadside, with 44 miles still to go and the uneducated young factory hand for a companion. As they walk beneath the August sun and glittering stars, Giuliani begins to relate his long life story, concentrating on his years in the Great War. He slew his first Austrian enemy

in a slit trench, deserted and narrowly missed being shot at dawn, did hard labour quarrying marble for friends' graves, was nearly killed with a unit in the Alps. And yet he survived the brutalities. the betrayals, his sense of human values still intact. Now a solitary old man, he faces death as one might a gate which separates him from his loved ones - his wife, their only son, his parents and dead comrades in the war.

The result is a saga of great imaginative scope and skill, peo-pled by an almost Tolkien-like cast list. This includes the grotesque, sinister Orfeo who, as a chief clerk in the war office, has the power of

Warriors tried to the limit

Henry Stanhope

A SOLDIER OF THE **GREAT WAR** By Mark Heiprin Hutchinson, £15.99 AN HONOURABLE DEATH . By Iain Crichton Smith Macmillan, £13.99

life and death over his fellows; or the pitifully ugly Austrian giri Lorna, who weighs a literally staggering 560 kilos and whose jaw resembles "a balcomy at the opera" - yet is full of love and yearns for her own child...

It has its weaknesses, the chief one being its length - almost 800 pages. Helprin needs a hardheaded sub-editor who would cut through the meandering dialogue and literary cul-de-sacs.

None the less, both the effort and achievement are impressive. At the level of an action tale alone, the graphic, well-observed detail makes for a compelling sequence of adventures. Helprin also brilliantly conveys the feel of Italy, its warmth. light, broad horizons and indulgence.

lain Crichton Smith's strort novel is based on the true life of Sir Hector Macdonald who, the son of a poor Scottish crofter in the last century, ran away from his shop

assistant's job in Inverness to join the Gordon Highlanders in Aberdeen. His dreams of military glory were soon fulfilled. As a sergeant in Afghanistan, he took part in the Kandahar march and was recommended by Lord Roberts for a commission. In the Sudan he trained and commanded native troops whose rearguard action at Omdurman saved Kitchener's army and he returned to Britain, a hero of his time. "Fighting Mac" later fought in the Boer War and was knighted.

But that was the apogee of his career. Drafted to the Indian subcontinent as a major-general, his familiarity with Eurasian schoolboys led to a charge of homosexuality. Rather than face a court martial and disgrace, Macdonald booked into a Paris hotel and shot himself. Although the accusations were never proved, the assumption is that he was pretty guilty. Not only was he reluctant to deny them, but he had already started an affair with a schoolboy he had met on leave in Scotland.

It is hard to feel much sympathy with a pederast, but the author's account of Macdonald's fall wrings some out of us. Despite his public acclaim, Macdonald in private was a lonely man, surrounded by anofficer class to which he never quite belonged. This had already trapped him into a loveless mar-riage. A similar unease among the tea planters of Ceylon would seem to have tempted him to seek solace of a kind among others who felt socially excluded.

Although in the final pages Crichton Smith successfully captures Macdonald's desolation, the book remains something of a disappointment. One cannot help feeling that he has missed an opportunity to do more.

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Meanwhile, if they were to keep even the little they had, its rulers had to avoid offending or provoking the Turks Con-stantine's elder brother, the Emperor John VIII, succeeded in not angering the Turks, but his attempts to win sid from the western Christians gained him little, although he went so far as to promote a union of the Orthodox with the Roman Church on the Pope's terms. The Pope did. indeed, launch a crusade from Hungary, but the Christian army reached no further than the coast of the Black Sea before it was destroyed by the sultan's troops.
Constantine was vigorous

and courageous, but he had remarkably had judgment. As ruler, under the Emperor John, of part of the Morea (Peloponnese), he engaged in military adventures which might almost have been calculated to frustrate the two main aims of Byzantine diplomary. by both alienating the Christians of the West and angering the Turks.

The most serious of these was his invasion of the Duchy of Athens and Thebes, ruled by a Florentine family but under Turkish suzerainty. The sultan's reaction was swift and Constantine and only lost his new conquests bits. was helpless to prevent the Turks from entering and desastating the Morea itself.

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been expected to have learned his lesson and act in future with more circumspection. Far from it. In 1451, two wants after he had succeeded his brother as emperor, he weight out of his way to anger the new Turkish sultan. Mehmed, he making a veiled threat as an up a presenter to the edition. up a pretender to the admits ate. Shortly afterna Mehmed began to make arations for the siege

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Antonia Fraser salutes a great mandarin of English history, whose latest volume

of essays sparkles with learned eloquence

GLORIOUS

REVOLUTION

By Hugh Trevor-Roper Secker & Warburg, £25

here the study of history is concerned, Hugh Trevor-Roper is entitled to say like Othello that he has "done the state some service". Like Othello, too, he has attracted jealousy, even if he has not been quite so unsuspecting of his lagos as the noble Moor of Venice.

From Counter-Reformation to Glorious Revolution is the third volume of his essays to appear: written over a number of years for a variety of occasions, they are now difficult to find, and have been brought together for the conve-nience of today's readers - including the reader with a taste of history who does not read specialist publi-

enough of those qualities which have delighted his admirers to make it an excellent introduction to his work for the proverbial visitor from Mars who has never heard

him as Lord Dacre of Glanton).

Above all. From Counter-Reformation to Glorious Revolution is a wonderful read. The publishers quote in their blurb a judgment made by Noel Annan on Hugh Trevor-Roper in his autobiography: "He is the most eloquent, sophisticated and assured historian of Our Age, and has never written an inelegant sentence or produced an incoherent argument.

While not necessarily disagree ing with this pronouncement, I feel its Olympian tone fails to draw attention to the sheer vitality of Trevor-Roper's writing. He has the ability to evoke a character with vigour and economy; he also manages to use the occasional contemporary phrase so that it gives colour to the text, but does not grate upon the ear. This is an enviable gift-many writers, chronicling another time, another place, probably experience the desire to jolly things along with a sudden foray into slang or something near it, but the result is generally an awkward juxtaposition of styles (and the slang can go out of date before the book is printed).

Here is Queen Christina of Sweden, one of the predatory royal figures who feature in the essay The Plunder of Arts in the Seventeenth Century". She is introduced to us, as "the greatest of all culture-vultures", a description

which seems apt enough when one considers her habit of summoning poor Descartes to give her tutorials in philosophy at 5 am on Swedish mornings (the experience killed him). But what really turned Queen Christina on — my slang this time
— was the thought of treasures
which might be plundered. After
the sack of Prague in 1648 by generals including her cousin, later Charles X, she sent a peremptory message: "Take good care to send me the library and the works of art that are there for you know that they are the only things for which I care." So most of the Emperor Rudolf II's picture gallery, his books, his statues, and even a lion cations. As a volume, it displays from his imperial menagerie, were

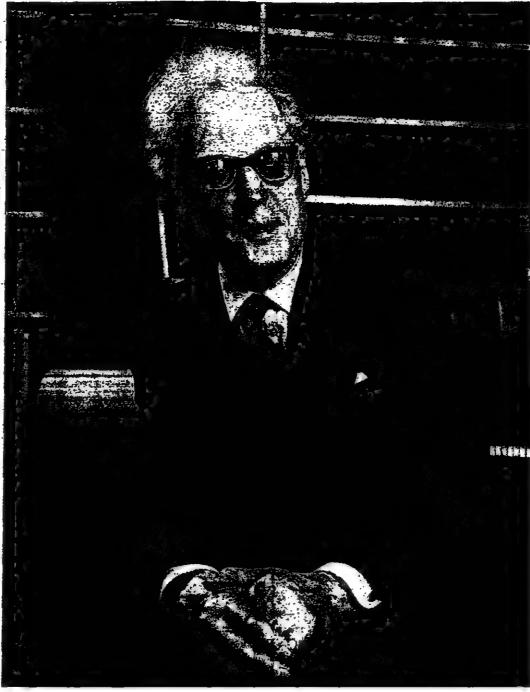
barges, to proceed FROM COUNTERslowly northwards. . (One **REFORMATION TO** hopes that the lion fared better in Swedish climes than Descartes.)

At the age of 28, Queen Chrisof Hugh Trevor-Roper (of course, it in a changed her mind, abdicated is possible that Martians will know and forsook duli, Lutheran Sweden for the more congenial Catholic Rome. "There, for the next thirtyfive years," writes Trevor-Roper, "this tyrannical spinster would both eat her royal cake and have it, gossiping with worldly cardinals, enjoying royal precedence without any of the responsibilities of a crown." When she died in 1689, she left all her property to Cardinal Azzolino, whom she called "that

divine man".

Such raciness of style, equalling Lytton Strachey, combined with what Trevor-Roper himself calls his own "rebarbative pedantry", makes one regret that he counts so few biographies among his works. His study of Archbishop; Laud was published in 1940, and there is a further essay on the subject. "In Retrospect", in this collection. About 20 years ago, there were exciting rumours that he would produce a biography of Oliver Cronwell - regrettably, they proved to be false.

Inevitably, essays on similar subects collected in volume form will lead to repetitions. The ecumenical movement inspired by Hugo Grotius, who wanted to create a new universal church on an Anglicanbase, forms the basis of "Grotius and England" (hitherto unpublished), and then re-occurs in several other articles, with much the same information delivered in much the same way.



Trevor-Roper: formerly Regius Professor of Modern History at Oxford and Master of Peterhouse

Trevor-Roper scorns the modern. theory that the English Civil War was merely a series of "petulant outbursts": the phrase which he disdains is that of Jonathan Clark and he disdains it more than once. Nevertheless, this is a small price to pay — for the reader anyway compared to the richness of portraiture he gives us. As Trevor-Roper writes in respect of two Imperial Spanish statesmen, the Duke of Alba and the Count-Duke of Olivares "The failure of an empire at particular moments may be organically inevitable, but history

commonly assigns the responsi-bility to individuals." The subject of one study is Matter Ricci, the Italian-born Jesu-it who arrived in China in 1583

and established a series of Jesuit houses there. Initially, Ricci, with his companion pioneer, Michele Ruggieri, made a terrible mistake: They imitated the Buddhist monks, and went about on foot, clean-shaven with empped hair. Rather belatedly, they discovered that Buddhist monks were considered very low-class." — Confucian-

ism was the philosophy of the court

—" so they changed their style: they grew their beards and hair, wore high hats and long robes of purple silk, and were carried in sedan chairs on the shoulders of porters, with servants in attendance. 'If these customs were neelected." Ricci explained; 'one would not be known as learned': a terrible fate in a society ruled by scholars."

. It is not a fate that Professor Trevor-Roper can expect. Even without a beard and long hair, long robe of purple silk and portage in a sedan chair, he will always be

Cut down to size on the doorstep

very old lady, asked about her intentions to vote, A replied, "Oh, I will one

day."
"Can I count on your vote on April 9?" "No." "Are you Labour then?" "Now what was it last time, I'm not sure."

Would you like to see me reelected as your Member?" "Pardon." "Would you like to see me reelected as your Member?" "Who?" Would you like to see me re-elected as your Member?" "Yes, you look quite handsome."

Such are the authentic voices of an election campaign, and Edward Pearce has captured them with humour and sensibility in a book as good in its way as J. B. Priestley's

Pearce's sympathies are clear. He likes the free spirit — Biffen, Budgen, Bowis and Beaumont-Budgen, Bows and Beaumont-Dark all receive his plaudits, as does Christopher Millar, the schoolboy representative of the Monster Raving Loony Party "who had devised a crisp manifestor shoot teachers with water pistols, all bolidays to begin at the end of holidays, and teachers to drive Skodas instead of Ladas". But he senses also the bitterness that often mars what should be the good humour of democracy: "I got viciously abused by a woman with a cigarette. She shouted in Scouse and waved her fag ash at me.' 'Good,' says the candidate, 'now you know what my life is like."

The first serious point to emerge is the relative ineffectiveness of local campaigning. The local Labour campaign in Darlington is, we find, high-tech. Canvassing returns are duly entered on the computer, and the wizard machine machinates accordingly. But - alas - the canvassers are rather optimistic, and the computer produces a 38 percent majority in this marginal seat. Garbage in, garbage out, as the computer moguls say. Pearce himself discovers the

greatest truth of canvassing when he tries a spot of it in Finchley - "a long-morose pilgrimage from one end of an unresponsive street to the other". The fact is that they are out, or they will not answer, or when they do answer it is: "Please, another time, I have the dinner

We witness splendid speeches by several candidates — but all to audiences of the converted. Candour is no winner; the candidate in Bury South gets "10 out of 10 for honesty" when he admits to being against proportional represent tion, but he loses the enthusiasts vote all the same. And even longevity is no guarantee of recognition: the response to Alan Beith, after years as a relatively active MP, Oliver Letwin

ELECTION RIDES By Edward Pearce Faber, £5.99

is: "Are you the Cooncil man?" No evidence here for the idea that candidates and their campaigns make more difference than the 500 or so votes which Pearce records as the official psephological view. But the second lesson to emerge is the apparently equally blithe indifference of most voters to the national campaigns.

Emergency meetings of Tories in London to rescue the campaign? "None of this seems real in Car-diff." The war of Jennifer's ear? says the Guardian - but Pearce records of his travels in Cheltenham, Kingswood and Monmouth that "on the strength of this expedition among the electorate, fever is confined to Waldegrave, Patten, Kinnock and Cook in the company of a small assembly of journalists".

am sure that Pearce is right - on both counts. In the course of two front-line election campaigns, I have never had the slightest evidence for supposing either that our own activities were making more than a few hundred votes' difference, or that the overwhelming majority of the electorate was more than dirnly (and rather annoyedly) aware of the great national contest.

This raises the interesting question — which Pearce does not set out to answer, but which certainly needs answering: what does win (or

At the risk of ridicule, I advance the proposition that if it is neither the local campaign nor the national campaign, then it must be the slowly crystallising sense of what the parties are actually about. More than 40 per cent of the British public must have decided, when they walked into their polling booths, that they preferred continuity of the Union to its gradual dissolution: continuity of a nationstate to its gradual absorption into a federal Europe; low taxation to high taxation, and so forth.

Underneath the fog of war which Pearce so eloquently describes, there must be — if there is any rational explanation for the result - an incoherent but profound perception of pairs of opposites on the part of millions of voters.

Oliver Letwin, the Conservative candidate for Hampstead and Highgate, was narrowly defeated by Glenda Jackson at the election.

Byzantium evokes, by its historical and literary associations, an image of grandeur and changelessness. Yet Constantine Palaiologos, its last emperor, was not a great ruler but a minor princeling. By the time he was born in 1405, the empire had been reduced to little more than the city of Constantinople and the province of the Morea (Peloponnese), while its emperors were obliged to acknowledge themselves as vassals of the Turkish suitans. The only hope for Byzantium lay in the possibility of a crusade from western

Meanwhile, if they were to keep even the little they had, its rulers had to avoid offending or provoking the Turks. Con-stantine's elder brother, the Emperor John VIII, succeeded in not angering the Turks, but his attempts to win aid from the western Christians gained him little, although he went so far as to promote a union of the Orthodox with the Roman Church on the Pope's terms. The Pope did, indeed, launch a crusade from Hungary, but the Christian army reached no further than the coast of the Black Sea before it was destroyed by the

sultan's troops. Constantine was vigorous and courageous, but he had remarkably bad judgment. As ruler, under the Emperor John, of part of the Morez (Peloponnese), he engaged in military adventures which might almost have been calculated to frustrate the two main aims of Byzantine diplomacy. by both alienating the Christians of the West and angering the Turks.

The most serious of these was his invasion of the Duchy of Athens and Thebes, ruled by a Florentine family but under Turkish suzerainty. The sultan's reaction was swift, and Constantine not only lost his new conquests but was helpless to prevent the Turks from entering and devastating the Morea itself.

Constantine might have been expected to have learned his lesson and act in future with more circumspection. Far from it. In 1451, two years after he had succeeded his brother as emperor, he went out of his way to anger the new Turkish sultan, Mehmed, by making a veiled threat to set up a pretender to the sultanate. Shortly afterwards. Mehmed began to make preparations for the siege and

Byzantium's gravedigger

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capture of Constantinople. Constantine begged in vain for substantial help from the istians of the West. When, on 29 May, 1453, Mehmed launched his attack, the ChrisThe Turks entered the city and Constantine died, fighting bravely, it seems, amid the on, bereft of his regalia and indistinguishable from a cummon soldier.

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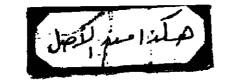
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year marketing director for a large and important organisation. He was sacked because after three months in the job. his past experience had become so hard to believe that a more thorough examination was made of his curriculum vitae.

The search uncovered the fact that none of his academic or professional claims was honest. He had presented them in the belief that government agencies always check applicants' details by post. and had set up his own network of addresses to field enquiries.

But he is not alone in exaggerating his CV. Two years ago a survey by Robert Half, a

firm of financial head-hunters, dis-'At least one in covered that a third of all finanfour applicants cial directors bewill exaggerate lieved the CVs that they saw conachievements'

Jeff Grout, the managing director, says: "If any-thing, such practices have got worse. The number of applicants per job has tripled and competition makes some applicants try to bend the rules. The most common lies are about qualifications, age and previous salary. These are the black lies. Then there are the white lies, about job experience."

Mr Grout has recently been involved in three cases where applicants lost jobs because they lied about the class of degree, their age and their previous salary. "The age thing is terrible because we have become prejudiced against age during this recession. A man who was 53 and said he was 42 was found out when the company tried to arrange a visa. It stems from the attempts of people to oversell

The fact that in a competitive environment people lie to get jobs is

man was dismissed earli-er this year from the prestige job of £40.000-a-that the applicant was employed at that the applicant was employed at the place he or she named. There is usually no detailed conversation about why the applicants left. Few employers will go back over the years to find out whether the original qualifications are genuine, let alone ask the applicant to produce certificates.

One technical magazine editor says: "I sometimes check the reference of would-be journalists on the phone. I have never checked their

Mike Biddle, senior parmer with Goddard & Smith, chartered sur-veyors, says: "Recently, there have been one or two worrying instances of people saying

qualified than they are. It would help avoid any doubt if applicertificates with their CVs."

At least one university says it gets a lot of employers checking not only the degree and its class, but what the syllabus involved. Brian Rowlins, of Keele, adds: "But that's not saying

that every employer checks."
In the case of one employer, it was not until private detectives intervened during a bitter takeover struggle that a senior captain of British industry was found not to have received the Harvard master of business administration degree referred to in his CV.

One detergent manufacturer re-members a "cricketing and squash blue from Oxford" passing all the flying colours. The man seemed uncomfortable in his job and the whistle was blown at a staff cricket match when it was obvious the 'cricket blue" hardly knew the

Trevor Morris, managing direc-



tor of Quentin Bell, the public relations agency, which employ 40 people, says: "I always phone for references, but I never check qualifications. Few people lie and the extra time taken in being suspicious would not be worthwhile. I expect people to tell the truth and I trust

my judgment.

You pick up people who lie, either because of something they say or through instinct, and you do not employ them. I have employed people who misrepresent the truth, for example, claiming to have managed a project single-handed. when they were part of a team."

ometimes, Mr Morris concedes, you have to admire the style of such interview-ees. "Most people," he says. "will add a bit of gloss to their experience. But that is different from claiming to have an MBA or a

The usual lie about jobs is to have one of them disappear from the list. if somebody has been sacked, they often think it is better to paper the experience over by extending other employment. This technique is also used to hide periods of unemployment.

Bethan Keirl, principal consultant with PA Group, the executive recruitment agency, says: "We see on a regular basis people obscuring their age. A CV without a date of birth starts alarm bells ringing.

"More common is executives trying to conceal the fact that they are unemployed. They tell us that they are still working but we should not phone them at the office' - all kinds of untruths, which we will eventually uncover. Such people constitute a minority, but they are there. They have to level with us or the trust goes and we have to worry about their integrity." Paula Grayson is personnel di-

rector at Luton College of Further Education and chairman of the Institute of Personnel Management recruitment forum. "My own feeling is that only one in a hundred tells outright lies," she comments. "But at least one in four vill seriously exaggerate their

"One rarely catches anybody out. Occasionally, if they start to fluster over some point, you get a feeling and their chance has gone. "I spent 13 years in industry and

I must say that here, at the college, we are far more thorough in checking qualifications. One way for employers to beat the lies and exaggerations is to use not only an application form but to assess those

"However, if somebody is good enough at bluffing their way through the assessment process, they are probably good enough to bluff their way through the job."

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Looks can kill your chances

interviewers say a decision on a candidate can be made in the first five minutes or less, according to a survey published in Personnel Administrator.

The typical response was: "It usually takes about 30 seconds. First impressions last and interviewers are most often looking for a type of person who will fit into the organisation."
Liz Baker, of Colour Me

Beautiful, explains: "As image consultants, we sell confidence and self-esteem. The confidence of people who have been made redundant has taken a great blow and needs building up."

Chris Blasdale, chief execu-tive of Pauline Hyde and Associates, out-placement consultants, agrees that appearance is crucial. "It is all right for a boffin meeting another boffin to wear Fair Isle sweaters and sandals, but as a general rule, men should wear a dark suit, and white shirt and dark tie," she says. "People should see good quality, well-cut clothing as part of a necessary investment in their future career."

Ms Baker agrees, and adds: "Avoid designer ties. They say, 'I have style, just like Christian Dior'. Don't advertise somebody else's style. Develop your

Shoes, she says, have a lan-guage of their own. "Trendy, shiny alip-one say, 'I haven't been a professional very long and have a short track record of success'; rubber-tyre sole, ever-so-comfy shoes say, 'I'm really a behind-the-scenes guy going no-

Brian Ranger, of New Ca-reers, makes a further point. "It may seem obvious, but hair should be properly cut and washed and fingernails clean."

The rules for men are relatively simple. Those who follow the guide lines outlined above, who wear lace-up black brogues and carry an electric razor if they are prone to five o'clock shadow,

cannot go far wrong.
For women, the whole question of appearance opens up a myriad of pitfalls. To make matters worse, a woman's ap-pearance has much more effect

SEVENTY-FOUR per cent of on the success or otherwise of career than does a man's.

A study by the Centre for Creative Leadership found that the progression of a man's career depended on competence, while the progression of a woman was ability plus an acceptable image and presence.

Cherry Marshall of The Elegant Woman, offers practical guidance to business women. She advises against power dressing (huge shoulder-pads. very sharp, masculine looks), and against dresses (they never fit). Skirt, tights, shoes, handbag (or briefcase — one or the other, but not both) should all be in the same dark tone.

Wear simple round-necked tops and steer clear of bright vellow and white, which suggest that you don't get down to work. Wear cream, or light grey next to the neck, either as a top or in a scarf. It is a simple trick. Ms
Marshall says, which gives a
whole glow to the face. Wear
very little jewellery, discreet make-up and no scent.

For interviews, build up a wardrobe separate from everyday wear, based on classics that are inter-changeable. Keep it immaculate and always buy the best you can afford. "Above all," she emphasises, "it is important to be comfortable. Wear nothing too tight or short. Never wear high beel shoes." Ms Blasdale says that in

certain sectors, different dress codes apply. "A client who wore jeans and a T-shirt to an interview with a very left-wing

council got the job."

Likewise, Jacqui Sinnatt, one of London's leading graphic designers, is certain the hat she wore to an interview tipped the scales in her favour. "I think it made me look just a bit more interesting and creative."

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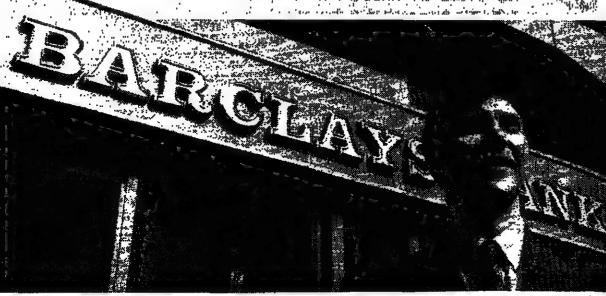
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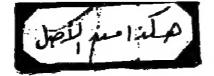
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the field. "That sort of thing went out of the window years ago," exclaimed Judy Farquharson, managing director of the secretari-al agency of the same name. "It's all codswallop. I wonder if a man did the survey?" muses Seemah Josh-ua, personal assistant to Pru Leith. restaurateur and winner of the Institute of Directors Businesswoman of the Year Award.

Nicola Orchard, who carried out the survey for Alfred Marks, enti-tled: The Boss: A quantitative report on secretaries' attitudes and experiences, also expressed considerable surprise. "It seems odd in view of the evidence supplied by the survey, but from the 140 women bosses we have at Alfred Marks, we

have never had a problem." Lack of a sense of humour was one major gripe. Men, said many of those surveyed, were a lot more likely to have this quality than women: 59 per cent of men had it, as opposed to a mere 38 per cent of

Is it really so bad to be a woman's secretary, as a recent survey

suggested? Clare Hogg talked to some scornful experts

women. "Women always tend to be on your back checking up. You can have a giggle with a male boss and if you make a mistake he won't come down on you like a ton of bricks," explains Lyn Wakes, temping for Alfred Marks in Southampton. Not so, says Seemah Joshua. "Women tend to take their jobs more seriously. You more often catch the sense of humour in off-guarded moments, but it's def-

initely there."
The Alfred Marks survey covered only temporary secretaries. Women bosses, who may be under greater pressure than men, and according to the survey are "more critical" than men, have less time to

ployee and demonstrating a sense of humour. Thus the results may have given a misleading picture of the views of secretaries in general.

Ms Orchard says: "We used temporary secretaries exclusively because we thought they would

spend cultivating a temporary em-

have a bigger spread of experience from which to draw." They may have the breadth of experience, but perhaps not the depth. Ms Joshua, by contrast, has worked for Ms Leith for many

years. She often speaks to the secretaries of other well-known and respected women and says that she invariably feels a "sense of dedication and devotion" to the ladies they work for. "Pru Leith", she adds, "is not only my boss but a friend."

Women are more likely to socialise outside work, according to the survey. Only 32 per cent of male bosses were "friendly on a social

basis", in comparison to 41 per cent

of female bosses. But although less

likely to socialise, male bosses were

more likely to give lunch and dinner as "rewards", implying a more hierarchical relationship.

The predilection which women

show for a less formal working

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tion of the greater feeling of satisfaction which most women get from working in teams, notes Meredith Belloin, an author on

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celebrate a week's survival is more likely to be defined as "socialising" than as a "reward". This idea of teamwork lies behind the series of Rank Xerox television advertisements where an efficient secretary, Donna. works

with a high-powered lady boss. Jennifer Powell, Xerox's advertising manager, says: "We are getting away from the office of the past. 'It is usually the less bright Instead of the traditionsecretaries who specify they'd al roles of male boss and female underdog, the

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prefer to work for a man' boundaries are much more blurred. Juliet and Donna work together as a team." However, another Alfred Marks temporary secretary has a different view. "Women put themselves on a different level," she says. They talk down to their secretaries, "treating

them as if they are mindless". Ms Farquharson is convinced that indeed intelligence has a lot to do with it. "In the early Eighties there was a more general preference for male bosses but not now. Very occasionally some secretaries do specify they would prefer to work bright ones: the ambitious ones won't do it." Ms Farquharson believes that

liking or disliking female bosses has nothing to do with age - "it's more to do with breadth of mind". Age may even be an advantage. with older secretaries more likely to be caring and maternal than competitive and ambitious. Ms Joshua says, "I'm older than

Pru and perhaps inclined to be somewhat sentimental." She suggests that younger women can be less realistic about having to make coffee, take photocopies and so on if they are working for a woman. She could be right. The average age range of the disenchanted Alfred Marks informants was 19-24. John Mortimer, managing di-

rector of secretarial agency Angela Mortimer, is disparaging about the whole subject. "I find it a profound-ly depressing and trivial survey. It is like asking if you prefer your apple pie with cream or ice-cream. Of course vestiges of discrimination remain. The role-model boss is supposed to look like a male and those who do not have to try harder. We are obviously only halfway through revising our female

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3.50 Henry's Cat (6288863) 4.05 The New Adventures of Mighty Mouse (r) (9977859) 4.20 Happy Families (r) (9981052) 4.35 Tricks 'n' Tracks. Pop music and magic. (Ceefax) (s) (8665878) 5.00 Newsround (7965472) 5.10 Blue Peter. Today's edition includes

an item on healthy eating. (Ceefax) (s) (7545526) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (540781), Northern Ireland: Inside

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax)

Weather (5/26)
6-30 Regional news magazines (878). Northern Ireland Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops (s) (6491)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (762)
8.00 Last of the Summer Wine. Compo has a fit of the sulks (r).

(Ceefax) (s) (2439) 8.30 2 Point 4 Children. Domestic comedy (Ceefax) (5) (1946) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news

and weather (8965) 9.30 Porridge. Fletch and Godber are on a working party digging drains for the local council (r), (Ceefax) (10149).



Comic anecdotes: Rik Mayall talks to Ruby Wax (10.00pm)

10.00 The Full Wax

 CHOICE The loud-mouthed Ruby Wax is very hit and miss these days. At times her strategy of malling something amusing out of the totally substanceless pays off it is a nice trick to invite one of Hollywood's underestimated talents, the actress Teri Garr, then ignore her. Hollywood-style, for the whole show. But with other rems such as Taffy Turner's non-feature on American soaps and her non-interview with Joan Rivers, the joke wears thin. One of the unexpected highlights of the show is an interview with John Simpson, BBC foreign affairs editor. His deadpan anecdotes about his treasured souvenirs—including a blow-up beachball of Saddam Hussein—might be tasteless, but they are a whole lot funnier than machine. What is equivalently other waters lacking Machine and Pilitia. anything Wax's squandered other guests, Jackie Mason and Rik Mayall, have to offer (s) (72491)

10.30 Question Time from Hatfield, Hertfordshire, chaired by Peter Sissons With Tony Blair, Shirley Williams, Dr Elizabeth Nelson and

Jeffrey Archer (69385) 11.30 Paradise. Western series staming Lee Horsley (112762) -12.20am Weather (2402637)

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8.00 News (6577149) 8.15 Travel Show UK Mini Guides. Sightseeing in Dolgellau and the surrounding area of mid-Wales (r) (9323491)

8.20 Moving Stories: Let's Play House. The fourth of six films about moving home. How the 1980s housing boom favoured a group of people on a Reading housing estate but turned sour for a family ng on a north-west council estate (r) (2877101)

9.00 Film: If I Had a Million (1932, b/w). Episodic comedy drama about an eccentric millionaire who chooses eight people at random to inherit £1 million each. Starring Charles Laughton and W.C. Fields

10.20 Film: Living It Up (1954) starring Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis.

Comedy about a railroad attendant who becomes a national celebrity after becoming accidentally radioactive. Directed by Norman Taurog (1978588) 11.50 Smash Hits Pollwinners Party. Last October's pop awards party. With Philip Schofield and New Kids on the Block (r) (7400615)

1.20 The Brollys. Children's cartoon (r) (83427830) 1.35 Bellamy's Seaside Safari. A miniaturised David Bellamy explores the seaweed-encrusted rocky shores (r) (92845007)

2.00 News and weather (30633120) followed by World Snooker.

Farnorn Holmes introduces live coverage of the Embassy world professional championship from Sheffield. Alain Robidoux plays Nigel Bond in the second round (98672520). Including at 3.00 News and weather, and at 3.50 News and weather, regional news

6,00 Film: Spiderman Strikes Back (1978) starring Nicholas Hammond and Joanna Cameron. The arachnid crimefighter does battle with an international gangster who has got his hands on a stolen consignment of uranium. Directed by Ron Satlof (10385), Wales: Film: When Worlds Collide (1951) 7.20 Taking Liberties 7.50

533 First Sight: Fighting for Air. Alison Holt examines the link between air pollution and asthma (304). East: Matter of Fact; Midlands. Midlands Report; North, North-east, North-west: Close Up North; South: Southern Eye; South-west: Western Approach; West: Current Account



A victim of injustice: remand prisoner Ben Essauh (8.00pm)

8.00 Taking Liberties: Waiting for Justice

 CHOICE: Innocent until proven guitty does not seem to mean much when it comes to Britain's remand system. This revealing documentary makes the point that 40 per cent of remand prisoners are not sentenced to jail when their cases eventually come to court. In the meantime, however, we have no qualms about making them cope with loss of liberty, over-crowded conditions and little or no contact with their families. The programme is emotive, focusing on embittered victims and trawling through the diaries of 18 year-old Tony Hook, who felt so isolated and lost he committed suicide. But if the examples are perhaps extreme, the general argument remains persuasive. As one mother puts it reasonably: "Young boys on remand shouldn't have to be locked up 23 hours a day — it's oruel." (Ceefax) (3781)

8.30 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson test drives the new BMW 3-series and the Honda Prelude while Quentin Wilson discovers a gold-plated car that was designed for a flamboyant Texan in the 1920s (9588) 9.00 Harry Enfield's Television Programme. Cornedy sketches starring the man of many parts. With Paul Whitehouse, Kathy Burke

and Sara Crowe (Ceefax) (s) (6507) 9.30 World Snooker from the Crucible, Sheffield (29633) 10.30 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow (923192) 11.15 World Snooker. David Vine introduces highlights of the evening

session (987033) 12.30am Weather (4408163)
12.35 Weekend Outlook. A preview of Open University programmes. (6956076). Ends at 12.45

6.00 TV-am (8676120) 9.25 Cross Wits. Tom O'Connor hosts the crossword quiz (4216946) 9.55 Thames News (8151566)

10.00 Out of This World. American comedy series about a girl with extraterrestrial powers (3573588) 10.50 ITN News headines (8330507) 10.55 Treasure Island in Outer Space. Adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's adventure story (r) (2765472) 11.50 Thames News (4063507)

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12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruselei (Oracle) Weather (8740101) 1.10 Thames News (24167052) 1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama (Oracle) (23702156)
1.50 A Country Practice. Medical drama series set in the Australian

outback (s) (95095520)

2.20 TV Weeldy. Anne Diamond goes behind the scenes of popular ITV and Channel 4 programmes (59648149) 2.50 Take the High Road. Soap set in the Highlands (8814781)
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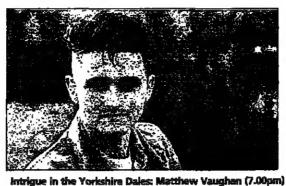
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5.40 ITN Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather

5.55 Tharmes Help, presented by Jackie Spreckley. Age Concern Carnden requires volunteers for its housebound visitors scheme (344061)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (694)



7,00 Emmerdale. Michael (Matthew Vaughan) discovers Mark's secret

7.30 The Full Treatment. The first of a new health series first shown on

Tuesday (r) (830)

8.00 The Bill: A Nice Little Line in Plastic. PC Quinnan and and WPC Datta arrest a young woman on a credit card fraud charge and uncover a much larger conspiracy. (Oracle) (7507)

8.30 This Week: Judges on Trial. Senior serving judges give evidence on their own behalf against accusations that they are too old, too remote and too socially superior. (Oracle) (6014)

9.00 L.A. Law: Badfellas. Slick American countroom drama series. (Oracle) (3) (9439)

 10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Trevor McDonald. (Oracle)
 Weather (74859) 10.30 Tharmes News (624472)
 10.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Australian behind-bars drama serial (162472)

11.38 01. A guide to the entertainments scene in the south-east (s) (36762) 12.00 A Problem Aired. Viewers' emotional problems examined by

experts (12960) 12.30am Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Pen Pal. Jean Simmons stars as a lonely woman who uses her niece's name and photograph to write to a man in prison (83960)

to a man in prison (83960)

1.00 Film: A Strange Affair (1981) starring Michel Piccoli and Nathalie
Baye. French-made drama about a man who finds his work
affecting his private life. Directed by Pierre Granier-Deferre (31144)

3.00 The Truth About Women. Eve Pollard discusses the class war with

Beatrix Campbell, Jayne Irving and Ann Lesle (19434)

3.30 Men. American drama series about a group of men who meet each week for a game of poker (r) (s) (49521)

4.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (10163)

5.00 Videofashion (r) (82892) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Martin Rowe (20989). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (8674762) 9.25 The Munsters (b/w). Vintage comedy with the gradient and (4214588) 9.55 Road to Avonlea. Children's drama (539 in 32) 10.55 Tides. Animated seascape directed by karen Carr 182-0123

11.00 Gamesmaster. Video games series (n) (1439)
11.30 Get Smart. Spoof spy series starring Don Adams (2168)
12.00 Noah's Ark. A portrait of Conquillo National Part (144) houses of South America's most active volcano (n) (Teletes) (164)

12.30 Business Daily (16323) 1.00 Sesame Street (11875 2.00 All The Waters of Wye. The last leg of writer fellan fillinging in trip down the River Wye (r) (5385) 2.30 Film: Four Daughters (1938, b/w) starring Claude Kains and John

Garfield. Romanic drama set in small-town America concerning the four daughters of a music teacher. Directed by fife-nam Curti-4.10 The Three Stooges in All the World's a Stooge (b) 2345523

4.30 Fifteen to One, Fast-moving general knowledge qualification 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guest is actor (144645) (4382781) 5.55 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon (144645)

6.00 My Two Dads. American comedy series about two bachelors who "inherit" a teenage daughter (r). (Teletext) (236)
6.30 Remote Control. Madcap quiz game show hosted by Tony Wilson

and Phil Cornwell (s) (588) 7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (164762) 7.50 Things That Don't Exist Series on things that are common, held

to exist, but don't (3556bu)

● CHOICE: The series breaks with tradition tonight to bring you three voices instead of one, those of Liverpool poets, Adrian henri, Roger McGough and Brian Patten. The writers offer reflections rather than strident opinions and the programme's supposed antipathy towards nostalgia does not prevent them from waving lyrical on coffee bars, flared trousers, and "the beautiful women with flowers in their hair". More interesting is the fact that two out of the three, McGough and Patten, feel they rather missed out on it all; McGough reads a pleasing poem recalling how when his friends tripped naked down to the sea, he stayed behind to "leep an eve on the dothes". Only Adrian Henri, lamenting this year's election result, shows real regret at the passing of the 1960s spirit (5149)



Labyrinthine games: mazemaster Richard O'Brien (8.30pm)

8.30 The Crystal Maze. The first of a new senes of the frenchin game show presented by Richard O'Brien (s) (33743) 9.30 True Stories: The Cassel

CHOICE: This is one of those painful, extraordinarily candid documentaries where if it was not for the fact that the cameramen occasionally speak, you would imagine they must all be disquised as pot plants. Certainly Janice and Lynne, the emotionally disturbed women at the heart of the programme, seem unembarrassed by their presence. The two are patients at the Cassel, a psychiatric hospital which eschews drugs in favour of therapy. Both staff and fellow patients put pressure on each other to play their part in the community, which means that slightly abound situations can arise as when lanke is chastised for staying up past her bedtime. There are tears and rebellions, but there is also evidence that taking

responsibility can be therapeutic. (Teletext) (4898743)

10.50 Sumo. The first of a series featuring the big men at the year's tirst tournament, the Hatsu Basho (213830)

11.25 First Frame: The Oil Gobblers. The first in a new series of six short

films by student film-makers from Europe A Czech-made documentary, made in northern Bohemia, about a form of mutant rabbit. Subsitled (253033)

11.45 The Palestinians: A Land Without a People? The first of two

programmes on the Palestine problem (718439)

12.45am Russian New Music. Last in the series (64732)

1.15 Film: To Heal a Nation (1988) staming Eric Roberts and Glynis

O'Connor. A true life drama about one Vietnam veteran's campaign to build the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington Exected by Michael Pressman (922250). Ends at 3.05

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

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 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Showcase (8385052) 10.00 A Green Journey (1990)* A school-leacher meets her pen pal (3385) 12.00 Submarine X-1 (1968) Second world SKY SPORTS

ture story (7156) (97080743)

-Red Kiss-Off (1990): THE MOVIE CHANNEL

 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
 6.15am Fire and Ice (1963): Animated adventure (191168) 8.15 Robotech II: The Sentinels (1989):

Space adventures (266946)
18.15 Arise my Love (1940) Romantic drama starring Claudette Colbert (279410)
12.15pm Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves (1944) Legendary adventure story (508287)
2.00 F.L.S.T. (1978) Story of the rise and fall of a power-crazy union bots (69135471)
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ins receives a heart transplant from Denzel Washington (210694) 11,55 Music Box (1989) Tense courtro drama staming Jesuca Lange (67093014) 2.05am Let's Scare Jeseka to Death (1971) Chilling tale about a young woman

who suspects she is going mad (783144) 3.40 Black Rainbow (1989): Thrifler about a psychic (842057). Ends at 5.20 THE COMEDY CHANNEL

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News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

Report 4.40 Travel and Weather News 4.45
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News and Press Review in German 5.00

Morgenmagazin 5.20 Tips hir Tourista 5.24 News and Press Review in German 5.00

Weather 6.00 World News 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 World News 7.09 News
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HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6,00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 7,30-8,090 Wales and Westminster -10,40 Living Proof 11,10-11,40 Bernuda World Rugby Classic

T5W

As London except: 2,50pm-3.15 The Young Doctors (6814781) 3,23-3,55 Home

violin, Piers Lane, piano, perform Bartok, transc Szekely (Six Romanian Folk Dances); Schumann (Violin Sonata No 2

in D minor, Op 121); Bartok (Violin Sonata No 2) Xerxes: Ensemble Sol Sol La Sol and Chorus under Howard

opera in three acts to a libretto by Nicolò Minato. Sung in

Arman performs Handel's

Statian

5.05 Benny Goodman and Friends. Benny Goodman, clannet, and the Columbia Jazz Combo perform Stravinsky (Ebony Concerto), Bernstein (Prelude, Fugue and Riffs)

5.30 Mainly for Pleasure. Bnan

Wright presents music and musicians associated with

7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear in Barcelona. Peter

Paul Nash talks to the composer Xavier Montsalvatge

and the publisher Antonia Chapa about the impact of France on musical life in

Catalonia Herbig conducts Brahms: BBC Philharmonic performs

Brahms (Tragic Overture; Symphony No 2 in D, Op 73) 8.30 Tenor and Piano: Anthony

Catherine Edwards, piano, perform Schumann

Compare Thee to a Summ Day?), Vaughan Williams

Greenwood Tree); Tippett (Songs for Anel); Geotfrey

Bush (Sigh no more, Ladies) 9.40 Barcelona Snapshot. Slipping

9.55 Music in Our Time: James

Through the Eye of a Needle

the city's struggle against drug

Wood introduces a recital given by the Archtit Quartet as part of the Microtonal Music

(Dichterhebe); Britten (On This

Island), William Aikın (Shall I

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News Briefing, incl 6.03
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6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
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8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55
Weather 7.45 Thought for the
Day 8.43 The Last of England
The poet Ted Walker reads
from an autobiographical love
story (4 of 5) 8.58 Weather
9.00 News

9.05 Punters, with Susan Marling
9.05 Punters, with Susan Marling
9.45 Beloved Country: Third in a
senes of five talks in which
South Africans consider what

the future holds for the

segregation 10.00-10.30am News; Crown Papers (FM only): Fourth of a sw-part drama senal about the

10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)

10.15 The Bible (LW only)
Matthew: Read by Derek

Jacobi (2 of 10) Woman's Hour

ind 11.00 News

11.30 From Our Own

country Carel Boshoff, the right-wing academic and son-in-law of apartheid's founding father, considers the dangers of abandoning racial

English aristocracy in the 1930s Written by Peter Ling

myrtes listeners to ring sex therapist Dr Ruth Westheimer

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Debbie Thrower 12.25pm King Street Junior Fatal

Attraction, School comedy by Jum Eldredge (s) 12,55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping

3.00 Down the River Ciff Morgan explores the River Taff and its tributary the Cynon (1 of 3) (r)
3.40 Poetry Pleasel

4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the Royal Shakespeare Company's

Arnadbent (S)

new production of As You Like

It, and previews the radio adaptation of Evelyn Waugh's. Decline and Fall, starring Im

Scone? A love story by Manon

2.00 News; Who Stole Your

As London except: 1,50pm-2,20 Gardening Time (95095520) 3,25-3,55 The Young Doctors: (1865675) 5,10-5,40 Home and Away (8881236) 6,00 Northern Life (694) 6,30-7,00 Earthmovers (946) 7,30-8,00 Survival (830) 10,40 Coach (503287) 11,10 Prisoner. Cell Block H (210743) 12,10am Film. Demolition (734255) 1,50 America's Year Canada (830) 10,40 Coach (503287) 1,50 America's Year Canada (830) 10,40 Coach (830) 1,50 America's Year Canada (830) 1,50 Coach Top Ten (4524415) 2.20 Videofashion (3973724) 2.45 Cue the Music (329786) 3.45-5.20 Film: Hindle Wales (Lisa Daniely, Lindle Dunel (46)(329786)

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4.45 Short Story The Beast in the Tower, by Beryl Bainbindge 5.00 PM 5.55 Shapping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News

Morrs chairs an incisive news

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20-8.00 Greenleaves (FM only)
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direction — its danger to the environment, especially in those developing countries whose economies are su

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9.00 Does He Take Sugar? 9.30 Kalcidoscope (; (r) 9.45 The Financial World design.

Tonight, with Roger White to 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight with

Richard Fershaw (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime In My
Father's Court, by Isaac
Bashavis Singer (4 of 5)

11.00 Only the Good Die Young First of a str-part technothniler by Shaun Prendergast Why would a computer expert kill himself on his wedding day? Starring Sinol Jenkins and Neil Roberts (s)

11.00 The First to Go? Carol lefferson Davier, reports from the Malifire klands (r) 12.00-12.43am News, and 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping form of 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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SKY MOVIES+

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10.05 Nightbreed (1990) Horror film by
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Ulman plots to marder philandering husband Liven Kine (309958) Utman plots to murder philandering husband Kevin Kline (309958) 3.00 The Silent Flute (1978), Martial arts

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RADIO 3 6.55am Weather, News Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert: Offenbach (Overture, Orpheus in the Underworld: Philharmonia

Harpsichords: Andreas S and Robert Hill, Musica Antiqua Koln under Remhard Goebell 7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concess (2001) Goebell 7.30 Mews
Morning Concert (cont):
Gretry (Overture, Le
Magnifique: English Chamber
Orchestra under Richard
Bonyngel; Poulenc (Flute
Sonata: Michel Debost, flute,
Jacques Fevner, piano); Spohr
(Symphony No 6 in G,
Historical, Bavenan Radio
Symphony Orchestra under
Rickenbacher)
News

8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Albeniz and Granados
Granados, orch Ferrer
(Canciones amatorias, Nos 1-3Montserrat Caballe, soprano,
Orchestra under Rafael Ferrer),
Granados (Pano Quintet:
Thomas Raina: Alberni Thomas Rajna; Albemi Ouartet); Albeniz (Traiana, El naicin, El Polo, Iberia: Alicia de Larrocha, piano); Granados orch Ferrer (Canciones amatorias Nos 4-7: Monsterrat Caballé Orchestra under Ferrer)

9.35 Beethoven and Compa Europe under Nikolaus Harnoncourt); Settings by J.F. Reichardt, Peter Gronland and Schubert of Goethe's Heidenroslein (Anthony Rolfe Johnson, tenor, David Willison, piano); E.T.A. Hoffman (Harp Reichardt (Mut; Aus Lila: Rolfe (Sonata in E flat, Op 1 No 1 tan Hobson, piano), Zelter (Erster Verlust. Rolfe-Johnson, Willison); Zelter (Settings by Zelter, Hummel and Schubert of Goethe's An den Mand (Rolfe-Johnson, Willison); Schubert (Octet in F. D 803.

Nash Ensemble) 11.55 Ulster Orchestra under Olivei von Dohnarryi performs Suk (Serenade for Strings, Op 6), Martino (Piano Concerto No 3 Ronan O'Hora) 1.00pm News 1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime Concert. Live from Studio One, Pebble Mill. Tasmin Little,

COMPILED BY PETER DEAR AND PENNY OSBORN TV CHOICE STEPHANIE BILLEN/RADIO CHOICE PETER DAVALLE

11.00 Phentom Navigations: Ben Watson presents the final programme on the fusion ensemble Weather Report (r) 11.30 News 11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week Luly (Atys, excerpts) (r)

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